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## THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

### President McKinley's Utterances Practical and Sincere—The Welcome Reception a Brilliant Social Function—3,000 People Attend the Festival of Music—The Second Baptist and the Other Lyceums—Recorder Taylor Enjoys Placidity of Spirit—He is, as ever, for His Race—Matters in Brief.

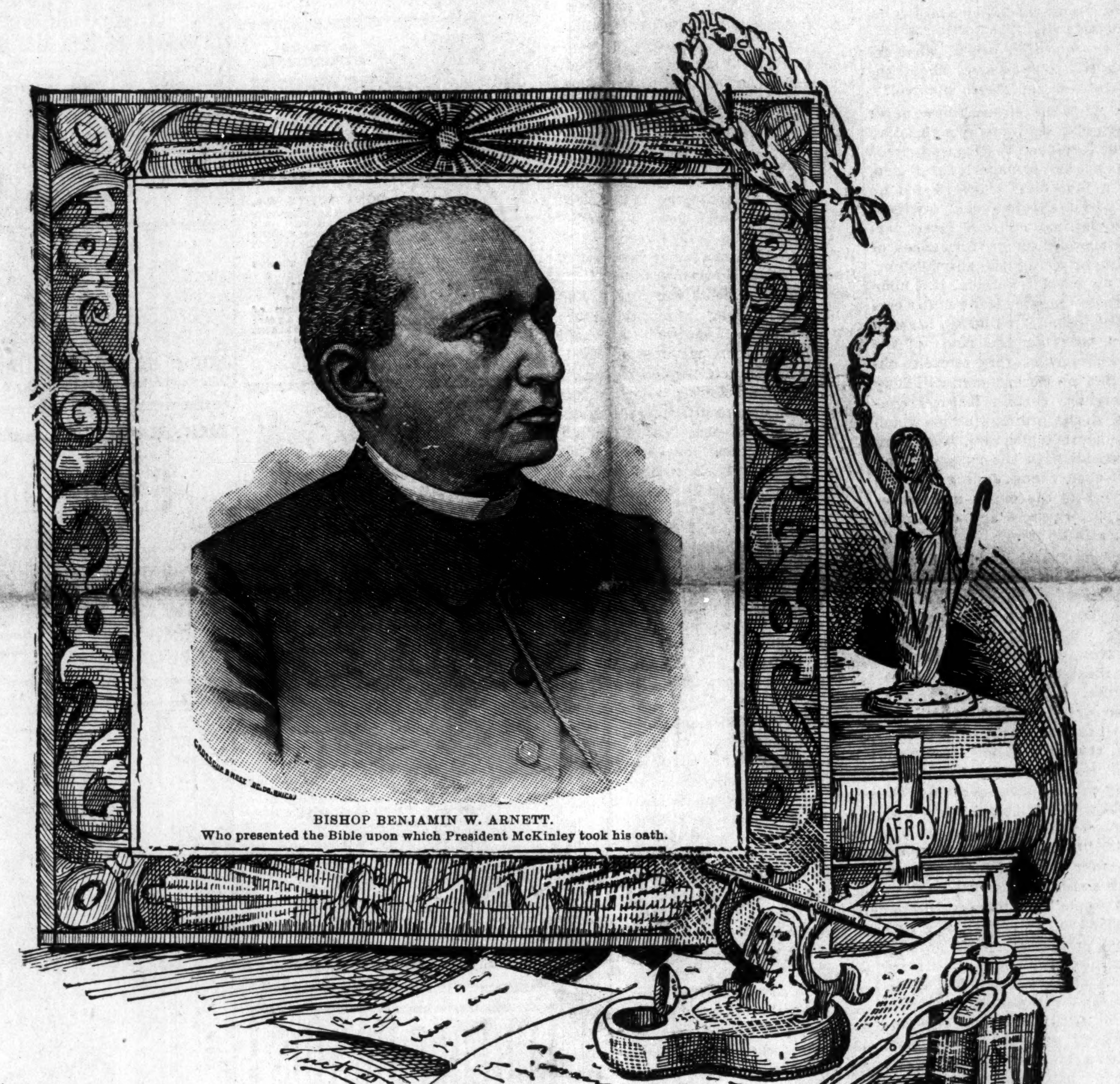
Washington, D. C., Special.

The great event is over. The most magnificent spectacle witnessed since the foundation of the government has passed into history. By the grace of the Almighty and the votes of the admiring fellow-citizens, Hon. William McKinley is President of the United States, and for four years at least will abide with us. The inaugural ceremonies were solemn and impressive. The president's address was broad and patriotic, lofty in sentiment and practical in points touching the material affairs of the people. Mr. McKinley promises well. His pleasure over the diminution of the sectional spirit showed that his heart was truly American, and in his contention for equality of rights and opportunities for all citizens, the Afro-American found all earnest the new executive determination to take high ground upon humane questions.

The day was an ideal one—the parade was gorgeous. The rainbow was outclassed for variety of color. The reviewing stands and streets were jammed with eager and expectant humanity. "Thomas, Richard and Henry," with their innumerable sisters, cousins, aunts, wives and sweethearts were all here, and those who failed to find something of interest and amusement for every moment were blind to their splendid opportunities. It was the American people's day. Maine and California elbowed each other, and Minnesota and Florida pressed them fore and aft. Difference of color, religion, politics or section were all swallowed up in the gleeful and harmonious spirit of the hour. The bosom of the humblest citizen swelled with the same degree of pride as that of the mightiest, and patrician and plebeian mingled their huzzas for their common flag. The shouting is over now, but Washington's ears still vibrate with the echo. Her hands are still blistered and her general condition savors strongly of "that next morning feeling," after a period of convivial indulgence. The staid citizen is trying to buckle down to business; the office man is fast regaining his ability to confine his pen to the lines of his ledger, and the sports-hunter is carefully adjusting his field-glasses to size up the situation. The strains of the overture have died away, and the curtain is fairly up on the first act of the new play. Is it to be a tragedy, a melodrama, a farce, an opera bouffet, a comedy of errors, or straight variety? To the office-seeker and dependent upon the fluctuations of political stocks it will seem a conglomerate mixture of all the ingredients named. The people at large expect a safe, conservative and distinctively American administration of affairs. President McKinley starts out well, and enjoys the full confidence of the masses.

The inaugural welcome reception March 5 at the Builders' Exchange Hall, projected by Washington's representative colored citizens was the leading social function for the entertainment of the visitors. Its conception amply illustrated the possibilities of the Afro-American society world at the nation's capital. The attendance marked the culture, beauty, refinement, and elegance of the race in the country at large, for nearly every state in the Union was represented in the gay kaleidoscopic throng. The students of sociology, who make the Negro a specialty, missed a magnificent object lesson by their failure to be present. The costumes were tasteful, the music was enchanting, and the caterer's offering was dainty and toothsoome. "All went merry as a marriage bell." It was in every respects a gala night. Messrs. Terrell, Murray, Douglass and their tireless assistants have set a quick pace for future inaugural entertainment committees.

Prof. Jesse Lawson, a conspicuous figure in the District of Columbia and a valued member of the Colored American's editorial staff, has been re-elected president of the Second Baptist Lyceum. This society ranks among Washington's "crack" literary organizations, and boasts of the largest regular attendance. The past month has been an unusually successful one, and lively discussions have been the rule. Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, of Langston and Jones, contributed a fine oratorical effort, "Is the Negro Emancipated Yet?" answering the question in the negative. Emancipation season was made notable by stirring addresses by Prof. J. M. Hershaw, president of Bethel literary, and Lawyer R. S. Smith on "A Generation of Freedom." R. W. Thompson, president of St. Luke's Episcopal Guild, gave an elaborate presentation of "Civil Service Reform as a Governmental Policy." The address and discussion covered two Sundays, and as the question so closely affects the fate of a mighty army of place-seekers just at this time, the most exciting argument of the season was brought out pro and con. Mrs. Arthur S. Gray reported the work of the committee in charge of industrial interests. Dr. J. N. Johnson gave a thoughtful review of "The Negro's Serious Condition and the Remedy." Prof. G. F. Richings, the noted lecturer on Negro race progress, closed the series up to date with a highly encouraging address on "Moral and Business Aspects of Life," treating scientifically the social and commercial phases of the colored people's condition. Committeeman Judson W. Lyons of Georgia, is scheduled as the next attraction. At a recent meeting your correspondent was designated as a member of the executive committee.



BISHOP BENJAMIN W. ARNETT.
Who presented the Bible upon which President McKinley took his oath.

Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Recorder of Deeds, is out again after a very severe attack of la grippe and attendant complication. He was treated at the finely appointed Sanatarium of Dr. John R. Francis. Mr. Taylor was visited by The Freeman correspondent, and among other things the attitude of that gentleman upon the Recordership was discussed. Mr. Taylor was not inclined to talk for publication, but I trust no confidence is violated in giving out a few general statements. The genial Recorder is not at all worried over the situation. He is calmly awaiting developments, and is prepared to lay down the duties of his office at any moment, be that moment soon or far distant. His greatest concern is that his successor shall be a colored man. He does not claim that the Recordership is necessarily an Afro-American plum, but he earnestly hopes that so good a thing will not be taken from the race until another office equally as important shall have been assigned to some worthy leader.

"It would be embarrassing," remarked he, to express a positive preference for any one candidate, when so many active, energetic and thoroughly equipped race men and honorable partisans are in the struggle. I could name a score who would fill the post of Recorder with dignity and eminent fitness. There is not an aspirant for whom I would not gladly say a kind word. I look forward to my retirement with a sense of relief, for at last the frets and feverish activities of politics have palled upon me, and a rest will be welcome. I want my successor to be a deserving colored American, and I sincerely trust that the best man will win."

Mr. Taylor has a handsome suburban mansion at Bennings, surrounded by a large park, some of which is attractive woodland. He has good property at Alexandria, Va., and Colonial Beach. He is a fine lawyer and would soon command a lucrative practice. Mr. Taylor's future need not give his friends the slightest anxiety.

### MATTERS IN BRIEF.

W. Calvin Chase, editor of the Bee, has been chosen as principal orator on Emancipation Day, April 16. Lawyer E. Molymeaux Hewlett and Prof. Jesse Lawson will also speak.

Prof. R. T. Greener has been a conspicuous figure in social and political circles this week.

Bethel literary society will take cognizance of the District Emancipation Day in April. Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback will deliver the address for the occasion. Ex-Gov. Pinchback's stock is daily rising and the wise-acres are picking him as sure of a "place" under the administration,

In the absence of specification, doubtful candidates are pleased in the Recorder of Deeds catalogue, to be sifted later on. Said a local politician: In two months the miscellaneous assortment of candidates for Recorder of Deeds, Register of the Treasury, Fourth Auditor, etc., will be satisfied to take "something equally as good."

Why are candidates for the Recordership of the General Land office so scarce? It was held twice by colored men.

Hon. John M. Langston is said to be a candidate for District Commissioner.

The plan to transfer the control of Freedman's Hospital from the Interior Department to a board of incorporators has failed. Dr. Williams' recommendation that the office of surgeon-in-chief be abolished was made only as a provisional arrangement, and the terms of the new appropriation bill meet his cordial approval. Local sentiment is very favorable to Dr. Williams' continuance at the head of the institution, the interests of which he has done so much to promote.

Opinion is divided as to whether Congressman Murray's threatened protest against the counting of South Carolina's electoral vote was a success or a "fluke" His friends argue that a good moral effect was produced by thus drawing attention to election matters in the South. Others think he should have insisted upon his original plan of protest regardless of consequences. Mr. Murray succeeded in getting a committee on investigation appointed.

G. F. Richings is here with his stereopticon lectures, and is receiving a warm welcome in all sections of the city. His talks and pictures are of great value in showing up the bright side of Negro life and character.

St. Luke's Episcopal Guild's February meeting was addressed by Dr. O. M. Atwood on the "Coming American Character." It was a scholarly production. March 20 will be "Woman's Night." The speakers announced are Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Rosetta Lawson, Mrs. A. S. Gray, Mrs. Daniel Murray and Miss Mattie Bowen, each teaching some phase of woman's work in Washington on the nation. This is a feature which the lyceum in the states would do well to copy. Give the women a hearing on their distinctive work.

Lawyer R. H. Terrell's address before Bethel literary Tuesday evening was a splendid contribution to the Civil Service discussions that of late have been frequent and warm. Mr. Terrell is a firm believer in the merit system.

The union concert of five hundred voices, composing the leading choirs of the city, was a success, notwithstanding strong counter-attractions. Profs. J. T. Layton, J. Henry Lewis, J. T. Walker and W. W. Orme pushed the enterprise from post to finish and came out with flying colors. Fully 3,000 people were in attendance.

Public Printer Thomas E. Benedict is receiving a great deal of merited praise these days at the hands of the Negro press for his extraordinary liberality to the colored people, and for his rigid enforcement of the civil service law. There is not a more popular official in Washington than Mr. Benedict.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the talented elocutionist, is arranging to produce "East Lynn" at an early date

Your correspondent had in mind a reply to Uncle "Noah Baxter," embodying a few ideas as to how the "progress of the race is being pushed along." If some of the other "grate" writers of The Freeman have not anticipated our line of argument, we hope to "say something" next week. Inauguration has filled Washington's eyes and ears this week, almost to the exclusion of even the omnipresent race problem.

R. W. THOMPSON.

### Thrifty Citizens.

Cotton Plant, Ark., Special.

Farmers are much encouraged, The outlook for crops are good. Our town is well represented with two colored lawyers, one grocery, three carpenters, one blacksmith, seven prominent divines, and an academy. All are doing good work. The doctor to is faithful to his duties.

### Personal Mentions.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Mrs. E. Burnett has returned home after an absence of two weeks at Dowagiac, nursing Mrs. Lilly. Mr. George Chandler has moved to town. Mr. John Hamilton and Eli Simpson have returned home and are keeping house in town. The Rev. Mr. Martin, spent Sunday with the First Baptist church and is going to hold revival meetings for a few weeks. Miss Gertrude Bradly has returned home from Cass where she has been teaching a winter term of school.

# ST. LOUIS PHYSICIANS MEET

## TO ORGANIZE A MEDICAL SOCIETY —PROF. WOODS' CANDIDACY

### Receiving Endorsement of the Different States—Headquarters Established—Candidate for Mayor —Society and Personal.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Prof. Bell, the scientific massagist is an aspirant for Mayor, on the Negro ticket. Go in and win professor. The Expositor will give you its full support. Rev. R. Q. Plummer is an eloquent divine and preaches with inspiration that does not fail to win his hearers. Miss Minnie Mitchell and Mrs. Mamie White, nee Street, has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend the inauguration. While there they will be the guests of Mrs. White's uncle, a popular resident of that city. We wish them a pleasant journey and speedy return to their Missouri fireside. Mr. P. S. Easterly is some what broken hearted since his girl, Miss C. H. left for the South. Cheer up old boy there are others. Rev. G. W. D. Gains of Little Rock Ark., is in the city conducting the revivals at Corinthian Baptist church. The First Baptist Literary has suspended in consequence of the coming revival. Mrs. M. T. Robinson 1809 Lucas avenue, has been very ill, but is now convalescing. Miss Callie Holmes who has been visiting in our city, will return to her home in the suny South on Sunday. She is well pleased with St. Louis and regrets being compelled to leave. Come and see us again. Mr. Frank Lerell is quite popular among the ladies. What is in the wind?

The physicians of St. Louis are endeavoring to organize a local medical society. Last Tuesday evening the following M. D's, met at the residence of Dr. W, H. Mansifee and discussed matters pertaining to the organization. Drs. W. P. Centis, D. W. Scott, W. P. T. Jones, O. T. Fields, F. W. Puryear, G. S. Jackson and W. H. Mansifee. Dr. Jones read a paper on medical ethics, and from the general outlook, St. Louis will be able in the near future to boast of a medical society equal to any in the union. Prof. O. M. Wood, the popular principal of L'Overture school was greatly surprised last Wednesday afternoon at the close of school. The teachers assembled in the kindergarten room requested his presence. The occasion was to celebrate his 38th birthday. The following program was very creditably rendered: Congratulatory address, Miss W. Benchley; musical duet, Misses Seals and Serier; vocal solo, Miss Clara Hutt; recitation, Miss Bessie Simms; piano solo, Miss Minnie Crowswhite. At the conclusion of the program in a very neat speech the professor complimented his teachers, and expressed his heartfelt thanks. He was the recipient of many presents to wit: Standard dictionary, books, goldpens, silk handkerchiefs and two beautiful baskets of flowers.

The teachers have cause to be proud of their principal, for under his reign L'Overture has been promoted to a first grade school, and its teachers now enjoy that distingushed honor. Congratulations and endorsement of Prof. Wood's candidacy for minister to Hayti, still continues to pour in his office daily Two senators from the North and East and a distinguished congressman has entered the fight in his behalf. Headquarters has been established in Michigan, and although it is whispered that she has a candidate of her own; it is to be presumed that the fight in Wood's behalf will be easily won. St. Louis feels proud that she has at least one good and true man, who is in every respect worthy the highest gift within the power of the nation, and we shall hail with joy the nomination of Prof. Woods by President Wm. McKinley. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Oliver, 2641 Lucas avenue, were the recipients of a pleasant surprise party on Monday evening. The family had just retired when a number of friends poured in, and they had to arise and were entertained. Among those present might be mentioned Miss Jennie McChristian, Misses Thomas, Mann, Bell, Parks, Rogers, Mrs. Julia Arrington, Messrs. Moore, Gentry, Clay, Wesley Benton, Snelton, Whitefield, Pitman and Ford. Although the hour was late a very pleasant time was spent in dancing, and enjoying the delicacies of the season.

### Fifty-Three Candidates Baptized.

Wynne, Ark., Special.

Baptizing took place at the Central Baptist church last Sunday. The church, which is a large one, was crowded as early as 10 o'clock with devout worshipers and curious sight seers. Services began at 10:20 and at 11:30 the converts now prepared to put on Jesus Christ by baptism, marched slowly up the aisles, the men on one side and the women on the other. The pastor walking slowly in front, led the columns of candidates. The procession was beautiful to observe—women and children clad in garments of spotless white, and the men in black gowns and white collars One imagined he saw the countless number of candidates, who had soared on wings of faith and love, to meet the savior they adore marching the streets of the New Jerusalem. One by one they went down in the water, coming out brave soldiers for Christ. There were fifty-three candidates baptized. At the afternoon service seventy-six persons took the right hand of fellowship, The pastor, Rev. J. L Cohron is a plain spoken man, which should characterize every christian gentleman. The church under his administration has rapidly increased in membership.

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# NEGRO MINSTREL SHOULD GO

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OMISSION IN THE DISCIPLINE?

### The Prohibition of Visits to Theaters, Negro Minstrels and Circuses Omitted in the Discipline of '96—The Church Organ Inadequate.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I have again been recently taken to task privately for contributing to The Freeman, matter that would properly belong to the church organ But without attempting a lengthy apology, suffice it to say that The Freeman pole will "shake the bush" when all other missels fail to touch a twig.

I think I have some knowledge of the circulation of the leading journals of this country, both religious and secular. The reading public does not read the average church paper. It is true, also, that a large number of ministers do not take their own church paper. The contributor to the secular paper does not mean a slight to the official organ of his church; but he wants his contribution to be seen and read by the people, and he wants it to appear in the current issue of the paper. The average church paper is inadequate to the demands. Would it were not so; but it is true. When the church members learn how to properly appreciate their church papers, there will no longer be any excuse for resorting to the secular press to publish "church news."

It is safe to say that not more than one out of every one hundred laymen take the church paper regularly and read it. They seem to consider it a "preachers' paper," devoted entirely to religious affairs, and altogether too "churchy" to interest them. Again, it is true that about half the preachers in the conference take the church paper under "whip and lash." Many of those who take it never open it, or at least do not read it They subscribe for it under protest; hence they never consent to appreciate it. Most every intelligent man, preacher and layman, reads The Freeman or has it read to them, not from compulsion, but from choice. He not only reads it carefully, but he eagerly awaits its weekly visitations.

The foregoing is the only apology I have for occasionally begging space in The Freeman, the most popular Negro newspaper in the world, to be heard upon subjects pertaining to the public good. But now to my subject:

For many years the African Methodist church emphasized its hearty disapproval to church members attending dances, horse races, Negro minstrels, card playing, circuses and theatres, by specifying the same in the book of discipline. These perversions were considered as not only "imprudent conduct," but as sinful practices. Many members in the past have been placed under discipline, and finally expelled for these things. The discipline for '96 (the latest) has left out the "theater," "Negro minstrels" and the "circus."

Now the question arises, who is responsible? Did the General Conferference of '96 nullify that part of the law forbidding members indulging in these things? Did the printers, unauthorized, leave it out? Or did the compilers take the liberty to purposely omit it?

If it is simply an unaccountable omission, let Bishop H. M. Turner, our Senior, speak out and answer this question: Is the law still in force which forbids African Methodists from attending circuses, theaters and Negro minstrels? It is true that in the large cities that law has never amounted to more than idle prattle, a dead letter from first to last. But in the towns and villages, where everybody knows everybody, there has been some regard for the law. Barrier after barrier between the church and the world is being thrown down until at the rate we are going there will be no restrictions placed upon church membership other than that specified by the civil law. The Master said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." To be simply a good citizen is not being a christian. "Come out from among them and be ye separated," are the words of Him who "spake as never man spake."

Our law now forbid "dealing it lotteries, participating in horse races, playing cards and attending dances," all of which are condemned by any strict moralist. The church is not an association of moralists. It is more. The pharasees were the most perfect set of moralists the world has ever seen, and yet Christ denounced them as white-washed hypocrits "Playing policy," betting on horse races and playing cards are all mild forms of gambling. The state places a bar upon gambling, and does not need the church to worry itself along these lines. A shrewd lawyer is paid a handsome salary to prosecute gamblers in common with other criminals. No genuine christian will engage in these questionable diversions. As to dancing, all will agree that it is demoralizing, even the most ardent advocate of this innocent (?) amusement. Not one man in five hundred is willing for his wife to attend and participate in the ordinary dance (ball) continuously without his presence. If it is "all right," why not allow her to "go it blind." The same man is willing for his wife to attend the prayer meeting or temperance meeting for ninety-nine years, while he dances with another man's wife. Of course that is "all right." The simon pure moralist is against the dance. There can be no successful argument produced in advocacy of the dance, whether in the White House or dive, and no sensible man will attempt it.

Yes, it is true the "best people" dance. So do the "best people" drink whisky and beer; but there is not a decent man living who would jeopardize his standing in the community by publicly advocating the cause of the liquor traffic. The same man would as soon champion the cause of the dance as he would that of the liquor traffic. The same argument would serve for either purpose.

If the lines are crossed much more they will soon be entirely erased. It will soon be difficult to tell where the church ends and where the world begins.

At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church last May, some clergyman offered a resolution to expung from their book of discipline that law forbidding dancing and theater-going, on the ground that it was simply a "dead letter." The resolution was immediately voted down, and was never heard of any more. Members of the M. E. church still go to theaters and dance, but the church can not afford to lower its standard. Our members now tell us that the "discipline does not now forbid attending theaters, circuses and Negro minstrels, and so we can go.

Now the question arises, what are the objectionable features about the circus, theater and Negro minstrel?

First, As to the circus, I have never seen any good reason why a christian should be forbidden to witness a circus performance and menagerie exhibition. I mean a first class show. I see no reason why I should forbid my little children viewing a circus street parade, witnessing the performances of the artists or seeing the animal show. If it is no harm for them, it is none for me to do the same thing under certain conditions. But I do see harm in members breaking the rules of the church whose rules they swore to observe. But no decent man will deny that there are certain features connected with the ordinary circus which have immoral tendencies, beginning on the outside with the accompanying games of chance and ending with the vulgar jokes of the clown and the acrobatic performances and dancing of the women in tights.

What about the theater? I have always thought that the law pertaining to the theaters should be more clearly defined. The simple prohibition to attending "theaters" is too broad. Every traveling company does not represent a theater in its commonly accepted sense. Some of the most worthy enterprizes often resort to the public hall to find their most prolific sourse of revenue. Hence, christians may with propriety attend the hall commonly called the theater. But the church should not with one fell stroke, remove everything bearing upon the subject of "theater-going" from the discipline; for some performances are daily witnessed at the "theater" by the "best people" which are not proper for christians to see, much less giving ther money to support. With nothing in the discipline against the theatrical, many weak christians will feel at liberty to attend every show that comes along, even to "Black Crook" or "Can-Can." Think of a steward or class leader taking his family to witness a play in which half-naked women dancing is the principal feature! Think of him paying $1.50 to support a thing of that sort, and then grumbling because he is required to give 25 cents to the church for his whole family. Think of a prominent member of the Y. M. C. A. escorting a prominent member of the Y. W. C. T. U. to see a thing like that!

What about the Negro minstrel? This, to my mind, is purely a race question. It should appeal to the self-respect of every Negro in the land. The Negro minstrel should be frowned down by every Afro-American. It should not be considered a question of the church. What is gained by an evening's amusement at the Negro minstrel show? Billy Kersands is an artist. He is an adept. His talent could be turned to the elevation of his race. It is true he is making money—a plenty of it, but after his career is over, he will simply be regarded as the man who spent his best days acting a fool.

The Negro minstrel should go. And the church of God, which is the light of the world, the African Methodist church in particular, which is the exponent of Negro manhood, should be the pioneer in this movement. As a church, the law forbidding the patronage of Negro minstrels should remain in force if every Negro in the church rebels.

J. A. JONES,
Pastor A. M. E. church,
Fayetteville, Tenn.

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# REFORM PRISON' DISCIPLINE.

### Will it Raise the Value of Liberty—How Can the Reform be Accomplished—Views on the Subject.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Will the editor of The Freeman permit one deeply interested in everything pertaining to prison reform to address a few words through the columns of The Freeman. I am gratified that so much has been done to ameliorate the condition of prisoners during the last quarter of a century, but I am pained that we are still so far short of the truly christian ideal, and that so much of the misery and degration of prison life still remains. I in my opinion, we all need, especially keepers of prisoners to be impressed with the fact that imprisonment is an abnormal condition, and that unless prison discipline is tempered with the largest measure of sympathy and love and kindness, and sometimes when it is so tempered it is apt to be injurious to the prisoner's self-respect, and to unfit him for a place in society when he becomes a free man once more. I know full well that discipline more or less severe, is necessary in all prisons and that it must needs be not joyous but grievious to the inmates. But on this very account I hold that prison authorities should assist the prisoner to bear his burden of privation and shame and encourage him to save his respect alive. No doubt many prison officials are doing this to a great extent it seems to me that in the prisons of the world, in spite of all the improvements that have been introduced both in America and in other countries.

The exercise of prisoners wills are almost wholly limited to their obediance to rules and submission to authority, of course obediance is necessary, but as long as it is the chief standard of virtue or as long as it is a standard always in the prisoner's consciousness there is very little opportunity for him to develope postive virtue in his character, in fact he will do well to retain what he already has. Even the best of men would need a large measure of grace to reform themselves unless their own will is allowed some play and function. As long as human nature is what it is it will always be true that a day and hour of virtious liberty is worth a whole eternity of bondage. Neither phrenologists nor prison officials can give to prisoners the liberty of which the sentence of the law has deprived them, but prison discipline should surely be administered in such a spirit and manner as to give to prisoners the largest possible sense of freedom, and every one who has charge over them, while exercising all necessary authority should religiously respect their self respect.

I know all this would be impossible of fullfilment without the highest executive ability and moral excellence in prison officials and a more humane and more christian sentiment in the breast of society. Cannot the law of Christ be more fully applied to prison discipline? Cannot the principles which prevail in the well ordered families and in the well ordered schools be made the principles of the state in dealing with its offenders? Shall we not learn to lay less emphasis upon stone walls and iron bars and stern authority, and more upon sympathy and kindness, and that moral power which belongs to all those who do justly and love mercy and walk humbly before God and man? This moral power whenever it can be brought into full play is not only superior to force an authority but it is infinately superior. I grant that authority is the necessary basis of prison dicipline but it should only be the basis. All keepers and managers of prisons should follow after charity and love and covet the best gifts. I cannot express my regret in this connection. Prisoners must indeed, be confined, but their confinement should not be unduly emphasized.

High walls and heavy bars are apt to harden men's hearts and to hide the star of hope from their eyes. Among the changes and improvements that I fain would bring to your consideration I will only mention the relaxation of the rule of silence so that the prisoner's social nature may be cultivated and not crushed and the enlargement of the payrole system so that all prisoners (except those who are really dangerous) may have an opportnnity to shorten their sentences and work out their freedom as well as their moral salvation. I believe that these and many other forms, under wise and intelligent administration, might be introduced into our prisons without risk of injury to the safety of the people which is our highest law.

RICHARD B. MONTGOMERY.
Waupun, Wis.

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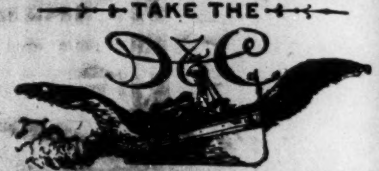

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### THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR—AN ILLUSTRATED IDEA

### Bristling with Hard, Cold Facts—Sorrowfulness Expressed in Actions—More Valiant Soldiers and Less Generals Wanted.

MARBLE FALLS, Tex., Feb. 22, '97.
MR. EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR:—i Preached yistiddy over at smith's cornor baptis church and i Preached a Good sermond to if i does say So my own self: for i wood Not give a cotton seed for a Preacher what do not no when he have Preached a Good sirmond to His congergashun: i Preached on Pracktickle christonannity and is i said i would write the rest of my last letter in another letter and is i feels the spirit of writeing on me Now: i will write on Pracktickle Leadership or Pracktickle Writeingship or Pinting the way for the Proggress of the Race: witch ever you like best: i say again: is i said in my first letter: we needs more soldgers and less ginerals or leastwise more Pracktickle fighting Ginerals: we needs more Readers then Writers: leastwise more pracktickle Writers: i will luster Rate what i means: 9 years ago: brother Miles Reddick who useter live over in Cullens Branch: 6 miles from here at Marble Falls: loss all he Had of this World's Goods in a Big Fire: his house his crib his smoke house his Barn and all was burnt up by Fire: he dident save nothing no how: i remembers it well: it were a Good Year fur Cotton and we had done pick it all when it got quite warm and the ground got dry and the grass and weeds got dry to: how his Place kotcher Fire Brother Miles never knowed, but thort that some one walking along the road knock his pipe agin a stump and that the dry grass cotch fire: brother Miles and His Wife sister Sallie and they little Gran child Assebeller stade at my house 2 weeks: her Father and Mother was dead and she lived with brother Miles and sister Salley: well sir: mr. editor you orter hed how all the folks fer 20 miles Simpersized with they lips fer Brother Miles: the old ones wood meet him and say Brother Miles i is sorry all your house and things is burnt all up: yes mitey sorry and off they would go: the young ones wood say i here bout your Grate lost Uncle Miles you has my Hartefelt simpurthey and off they go: now that was good in its place, but it did not help Brother Reddick bild a New House or barn or smoke House or Cotton Gin or nothing: it were like our Grate Writers pinting the way: so i tuck the matter in Hand: we had a union Babtiss meeting over at Plum Creak church one sunday and i Preached: there was nie 200 and 50 Head at the meeting:

after i got threw Preaching i said now brothern and sistern it have been the Lords will to let Fire Burn up all of Brother Miles Reddicks things: his house his barn his corn his cotton his smoke house he have nothing left i feels very sorry for brother Miles Reddick yes i does: his lot are a Hard One. now my cristshun frends all those what feels sorry for Brother Miles Reddicks rize on your feets: and every boddy riz on they feets: now said i: plain sorrowfullness my belove hereis dont do no good: no plain sorrowfullness is no good: what our Brother want is Pracktickle sorrowfullness: now i am sorry 10 dollars worth: how much money: corn: days Work saw logs and meet and Baken and meal and Rice and sugger is you all sorry: i want every one to be sorry something i want you young men what works to the saw mill to be sorry so many foot of lumber and sawed planks and beams and door sills and house jice and nails: and i want every man here to be sorry a days work and come out next wensday with they oxen and mules and holp Brother Miles Bild up his house and barn and smoke house and corn crib and cotton shed: and i want you all to bring your sorrowfull thing long with you to: and i want all you sisters to show you alls sorrow by bfleing big Pots of cabbige or sprouts or Kale or collids with a Big side of meet and rize with the Sun and bring it over to Brother Miles to feed the men and i want you young galls to make a few pones of bread and bake a few cakes and cook a few chickens and bring them over to your aunt Sally Reddicks Place on wensday by sun rize: and wants every one in this here Church to step right up here after we sing the Docksoligy and let the clirk brother Maliky Brown write vour name down and what you is gointer bring: this my Beloveit herers is Pracktickle Sorrowfullness: well sir Mr: editor 9 out of every 10 come rite up and give something and sot they name down on the Book and we all turned out and bilt up Brother Miles house and barn and stable and smoke house and cotton house and left him nie 2 and a half Bales of Cotton 5 Barels of Corn a lot of taters meal Flour Grits side baken and other things: we sot him on His feets agin: He got on well from that wensday tell He Dide 3 year ago and His Widder sister Salley and Assebeller live there yet: now mr: editor i will make my pint from this lusteration: my pint are this: does our Grate Writers and Grate speakers: and teachers: Practis what they Preach: does they pint the way or Lead the Way: if they lead then they is Grate Leaders and Grate Profits: ef they Pint they is no Leaders and false Profits and they voice Becomes is soundding Brass and Tick killing silver is the Bible say: let them anser threw the freeman Yours for the Proggress of the Race

NOAH BAXTER:

### Meeting of Teachers.

Milan, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Emma Vann, wife of Rev. M. Vann of Chattanooga, is visiting her parents here. Willis Martin of Trenton was here Thursday the 28th ult. Rev. Jas. Edwards of Huntington, preached here Sunday morning and evening. Prof. R. W. Christian of Jackson, editor of the Jackson Silver Star, lectured here Wednesday night, the 27th ult. The County Institute convened at this place Saturday, Feb. 21st. The following program was rendered: Opening exercises, chorus; prayer by Prof. W. A. Singleton; chorus; welcome address, Rev. T. J. Wedlington; spelling, T. J. Farmer; History of Tennessee, Prof. J. T. Booker; Alternate, Miss Cordelia Robin; alcohol, narcotic, Mrs. Wm. Gray; alternate, H. S. Pyle; grammar, Mrs. H. T. Booker; paper, Miss Clara Weatherall; algebra, Prof. A. J. Collins; adjourned. The "400" of this place will give a grand banquet at the opera house on the night of the 17th. Rev. H. L. Black preached at Bluff Springs last Sunday.

## RACE GLEANINGS.

The Negro building at the Tennessee Centennial will cost $12,000.

Dr. R. F. Tancil is president of the Nickel Savings Bank, a new institution located at Richmond, Va.

Mr. H. P. Slaughter, formerly foreman of the Star of Zion, has been appointed to a position in the Government Printing Office.

The nomination of Rev. C. Max Manning, of Georgia, as Secretary of Legation at Monroavia, Liberia, was confirmed by the Senate recently.

Lieut. J. F. Van Duzen, late quartermaster, first batallion, colored infantry, T. V. G., has been placed on the retired list after twelve years of honorable service.

Savannah Georgia has a colored city physician, Dr. S. Palmer Lloyd, and Birmingham, Ala., has just appointed O. G. Mason, colored, to the position of assistant city physician.

Ex-circuit Court Commissioner' D. Augustus Straker, of Detroit, Mich., acting upon the earnest solicitation of friends, has entered the contest for the police justiceship of that city.

John G. Jones of Chicago was recently elected third vice-president of the Cook County Lawyers' Association, a new but strong organization composed of those admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

We learn by recent advices from Bermuda that J. H. T. Jackson has again been re-elected as member of the Colonial Parliament for Pembroke, also that Wm. H. Trott, Sr., has been elected as a member for Sandy.

In Texas, Afro-American Democracy has been honored in the person of Hon. J. S. Jenkins, who has been appointed superintendent of the Asylum for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Afro-American youths. The position pays $1,500 per annum.

Dr. J. W. Ames has been appointed examining physician for the Michigan Mutual Protective Association of Detroit, Mich. The doctor investigates all claims for the company within the city limits. He is the only colored physician in the United States occupying such a position with a white company.

Mr. M. B. McGee is the only colored man in the United States that belongs to a mining exchange; he is a director in McClelland's Investment Company; is the sole owner of the Lena Bullock mine at Cripple Creek, Col., which shows assay of $42 in gold and silver to the ton, and enjoys an income of $200 per month from his different mining interests.

J. N. Browning, formerly a clerk in the Record and Pension Division and who opened the first colored drug store in Baltimore some years ago, is now editing the Afro-American notes in the Pittsburg, (Pa.) Press. He is given from three to four columns of space, and has made this department a feature of the Press.

After three years of hard and persistent endeavor, the fight for colored firemen on the Pittsburg, Pa., fire department, first started by the Colored Voters League of Allegheny county of which John M. Clarke is president, ended successfully when Director J. O. Brown appointed the following to the department: L. O. Phillipps and O. E. E. Gibson of the 18th ward; W. A. Grigsby and J. H. Scott of the 13th ward, C. R. Gray of the 36th ward, and John T. Ward Jr., of the 21st ward.

# SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.

### Many Suggestions by Race Leaders—Industrial Education will Perform a Prominent Part in the End.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

A few years since we thought the Negro problem incapable of solution. We looked at it from various standpoints. Many suggestions as to an estimation in solving this intricate problem has been offered by some of our busiest leaders, for instance the brave and heroic editor of the Richmond Planet Mr. John Mitchell, Jr,, has emphasized Lynch law must go. The brilliant editor of the New York Age has asked time and time again "Is the white South civilized?" And he has advised the race to adhere to the old Mosiac law, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and a life for a life." The eminent Bishop Turner of the A. M. E. church has advised and continues to advise and encourage African emigration, deportation and colonization, no hope in this country. Booker T. Washington while not antogonistic to the views of the leaders as above expressed, emphasizes the importance of Industrial education as a means to an end of race antagonism, bitterness and friction. We have always been of the opinion that fighting it out along the lines as suggested by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Fortune was the right thing to do. We never agreed with Bishop Turner, for we could not see or understand how we are to settle the destiny of the Afro-American in Africa. It is a mistaken idea that Prof. Washington's critics have when they affirm that Mr. Washington believes in Industrial education to the exclusion of a College or University education; he believes in both. But he especially emphasizes Industrial education as a means to an end, and not as ultimatum in solving the race problem. It would pay Mr. Washington's opposers to come here and visit his school; we guarantee that he will receive and treat them kindly. We have no doubt that they will go away from here convinced that Mr. Washington is right. We just wish you could see what our eyes now behold as we sit in the Principal's magnificient residence. There is here an activity not suspected by the outside world. Draw upon your imaginations a moment, see if you can bring to your perceptions the scene. 850 students at work like busy bees in a hive, training in 26 different industries and every body at work. Not an idle moment allowed, here the shrill whistle of the saw-mill and brick-yard, bringing them in from the farm of 650 acres nearly all of which is under cultivation, how can any sane person say that this kind of education does not benefit the race? We will warrant that but very few of any of Mr. Washington's students will ever be found in jail, the workhouse, Penitentiary the chain-gang.

All this industry and activity are controlled by Mr. Washington and his 81 assistants, which makes him and his school an aggressive and conquering force in this the black belt of the South-land. It is impossible to estimate the good this school is doing and it is equally as difficult to attempt a description there of. We do not envy the man who deems himself sufficiently enlightened to be able to frown down Booker T. Washington and his great work. We simply turn our heads and smile a great big smile and say in muffled tones "The fool hath said in his heart there is no hope for the Negro race in this country." There is hope, get up and be doing, get religion, education, a trade and a profession. Buy property, "put money in thy purse," and you will be recognized as a full fledged citizen" of this country. Let us say what we believe to be a fact. The disciplined thought that the Negro is receiving at this school will give him a freshness, a manliness, a hopefulness, and a faith which will deliver him from the tyranny of his surroundings, widen his views of his own capabilities, make him conscious of belonging to a race which has rich things in store for the world, and glorify his heart with a thousand strange and fruitful sympathies, and with endless heroic aspirations.

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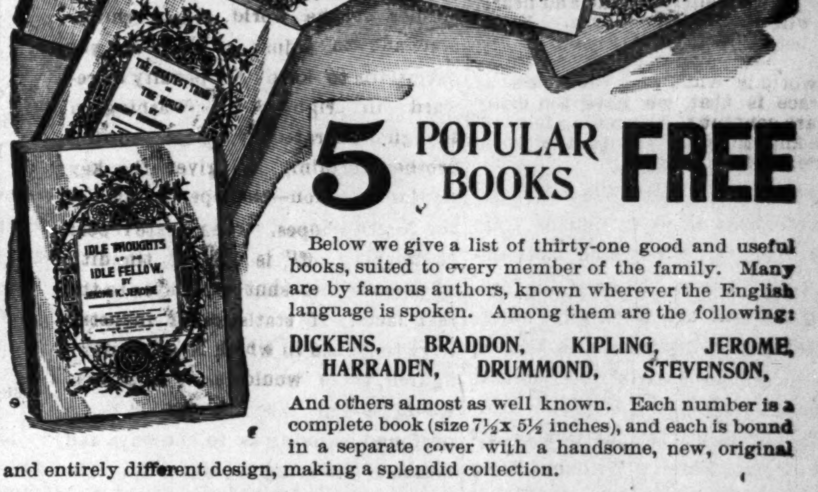

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### A GROWING QUESTION.

Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams, the well known educator and lecturer says:

> All through the South I find, as a rule, the women doing the supporting.

Mrs. Lizzie Lewis-Jones in retort, says:

> I will say here that I have been from the lakes to the gulf, and from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic, and I never saw as many men and children supported by women as between the Ohio river and the lakes, and that by the hardest labor a woman can do. It is true that we in the South support our pastors, because we know even a preacher must live, though he makes the mistake of lecturing on Jesus Christ instead of the Negro problem.

Mrs. Lewis-Jones gives this interesting bit of auto-biography:

> I have a fairly good education, having graduated from the Normal department at Fisk University, but my mother was a slave and ever since she was old enough to work she has been at it, so I guess it was born in me to work as it was in all Negroes. For the race's sake don't let keep pounding it into our boys and girls that they are fit for nothing but drudge, drudge. There is enough of that in them any way. If we train the head and heart, they will look to the hands. Never fear that we will have too many Negro lawyers, doctors, lecturers, etc. The world is wide, and the course of the race is that we have too many who are content to be nothing but servants and time servers to the white people of the country.

Let us see. Between the lakes and the Ohio, that takes in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, especially and most emphatically Indiana. None of the foregoing remarks are intelligible unless the subject of the matter is known. It is the same industrial question that Booker T. Washington so prophetically outlined in his famous talk at Atlanta. Mrs. Barrier Williams is on the Washington trail. She holds that more attention must be given to the industrial pursuits. These people are eminently correct. There may be many reasons that might be set forth as to why the territory between the Ohio and the lakes yields a superabundance of men supporting women. It may or may not be as bad as she sets it forth; but the fact remains that the question of employment for the race takes precedence over every other question, even though it be the social and political questions themselves. The predominant characteristic of the race for acquiescence in every claim of prosperity is so well known by other races that comment is uncalled for. Yet a terrible, distinctly crushing problem confronts the Negro race—not the nation with the Negro as an equal participant in the weals and woes, but a question that affects him solely. We set down this proposition and feel that it will remain unrefuted. It is: That the Negro, as a race that has opposition from every quarter, has made progress that commands the admiration of his most inveterate enemy. But if we fail to modify the proposition by the term "that has opposition from every quarter," then the assertion is a libel on the nations of the earth, when it is declared no other race has prospered so rapidly. The question is how shall we prosper as the penniless German or Irishman that land at Castle Garden, who in one short decade wins himself oftentimes to competency, opulence and influence? A few more decades and the fate of Negroes will be eternally established. If in that time there is not an appreciable activity in all industrial pursuits; if the farm does not receive the benefit of the fine learning; if the trades are not recruited by men of intelligence, then truly the superfluity of Greecians and Academicians—disciples of the Porch and Grove; scholars perapatetic or otherwise will certainly breed a race of woman supported men. The Negro must ride Mr. Washington's cultivated plow and yet quote the Illiad in the original. It is no more than the Cincinattii of the world have done before, who have unyoked the oxen, while the plowshare remained true to the unfallowed row. An education that unfits one to work out the problems of life, is a senseless ornament, an incubus, a blot and a hindrance, that does not speak very glowingly of itself, but surpassingly illy. The supreme effort of the foremost men of to-day in attempting to escape the fate that awaits the masses, allows them very little to say along this line. The precaution observed is the highest testimony of the volcanic seismic times in which the race lives. As the song of the Torreador, "All now try to escape the danger." There are but a few left to take up the gage of battle. What is needed is a condition brought about. No matter by what methods, so it be honest in intent. No one but a man stone blind can claim that in this capacity all is realized that could be expected. The fact is the young Negro must carve out an empire for himself. If, as it is held, much education paves the way to indolence, "wit-craft," and exaggerated ideas of importance, and winds up with men supporting women, there is something rotten in the whole scheme. If higher education does not mean that such education should be used in developing all lines of pursuit, we must conclude that such conclusions are against the wisdom of the ages. The theory of assimilation has as yet been barren of results in this whole country. The Negro, like the mosses and lichens of the cold stony zones, have found but a few niches for adherence. The Negro has of late years been thrown more and more on his own resources. He must work out his own soul's salvation. The white man "is hands off," who like the Redeemer of the world, allows things mundane to adjust themselves, yet never fails to keep the penalty or reward in right. Mr. Washington though oft berated by his too knowing brother, certainly has given the key to the situation—the open sesame of the Negro's hopes. The roseate report of "moving off" is born of timidity by persons who shut their eyes to the real facts. If statistics of industry were to be had in which Negroes alone figured, there would be results that would be startling, that would cause profound thinking as to the ways and means of relieving the situation. The present system of "mutual admiration society" would give away. The hypocritical view of presenting a false front, would give away. Badgering, gasconading, "Orator Puff," almighty potency, coupled with imbecility, would diminish. Material progression is the slogan for the new Negro.

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WE are pleased to notice that Mr. S. J. Wilkinson, late correspondent of The Freeman, is now the editor-in-chief of the American Eagle, and associate editor of the Expositor, both St. Louis weeklies. The Freeman had some able articles from Mr. Wilkinson, and predict for the journals with which he is connected a grand future. We trust that the gentleman will continue his contributions to our sheet, for we are always glad to receive articles commendatory of the race.

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THE Washington Post is not a prophet, nor is it the son of a prophet. It succeeded in raising a rumpus and quickly withdrew. Profound silence now reigns. Do you remember the beautiful story of Priscilla and John Alden? The old Dutch governor would woo by proxy. Why con't you speak for yourself, John? says Priscilla.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON is a man of limited education. He has succeeded because he knows how to use men of greater capacity along certain lines He has surrounded himself with liberally educated men and women.—Nashville Citizen.

This is not meant for sarcasm, as one would infer at the first glance. While we do not care to emphasize the "limited" part of his education, yet we feel compelled to say if his efforts and accomplishments are the results of a limited education, it would be a good place to draw the line for all future race education.

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY, true to his promise, gave the country, in his inaugural address, the assurance that it was his desire to have the laws of the country obeyed. Lynching, he held, should not be a part of the creed of this country, and that every man, irrespective of race, should be given equal opportunities before the law. In McKinley the race feels that it has a friend at court.

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THE Cabinet is made up and confirmed without opposition, notwithstanding the dislike by some Senators of Mr Gage's money views. It is evident that the President is not to be hampered in any way. He will get full credit for his four year's work, whether it be a failure or success. All eyes are on Mr. McKinley.

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HIGH protection may seem odious to the average free trader, but it will just take that to bring back Harriaonian prosperity. The President, who was the moving spirit in that period, knowns full well the needs of the country. Raise sufficient revenue and the many sided money question will drop out of sight.

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY in his inagural address gave emphasis to the well known policy of the Republicans. His tariff views strike the popular chord in these financsally despondent times. A market preserved to the Americans is good logic still. Gold reserves, he intimates, can better be maintained when there is a surplus in the revenues rather than when there is a deficiency.

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WE acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the forty-fifth birthday anniversary of Dr. C. S. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn, hoping that his life may be extended the full limit of the period allotted man.

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THE managing editor of The Freeman, Mr. Elwood Knox, is under many obligations to Mr. Edward E. Cooper, business manager of the Colored American, Washington, D. C., for courtesies shown while he was in that city.

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THE Senate of South Carolina, has killed the "jim crow" car bill. "De sun do move." That state has come a long "ways." But it did no more than its duty.

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"TO BE or not to be"—candidates for Recordership of Deeds, Washington, D. C.

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COURTS, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the law.—William McKinley.

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"Now is the winter of our discontent"—politicians who yet left.

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### A Great Revival.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Everything is being absorbed by the revival going on at the A. M. E. church. Sixty-five converts up-to-date. The interest increases each day and the revival seems just begun. Presiding elder Canady and Rev. J. W. Ray, of Pulaski, were present and assisted last week; both rendered valuable service Rev. S. R. Reid is here and preached a practical and instructive revival sermon last Sabbath. The Odd Fellows sermon was well attended. The order presented an excellent appearance and seems prosperous. The McKinley Guards, of Mrs. McAdams' club will drill at Flat Creek this week. Rev. F. M. Stamps passed through the city last week. Geo. Evans is quite sick. Miss Irene McKinney is among the converts. Miss Beatrice Trail is on the sick list. John Myers has a handsome horse and buggy. Rev. T. T. Murray has opened a subscription school.

### Lost a Finger.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Matt Cheatham, a respectable citizen of South Clarksville, died at her home on March 6th. Mr. Miller formerly of McCabe & Young's show is in this city helping the boys to arrange a concert. Mr. Caldwell Henderson has gone to Nashville to remain for the season. Mr. R. L. Yancey has invited Mr. Richard E. Hill, the centennial chief, Saturday March 13th. George Hughes had his finger mashed off March 6th. Mr. John Rouse came to this city on March 7th to secure his runaway girls. Mr. K. P. Kellar has opened a grocery on Main street.

## ROUSING CLUB MEETING.

### Democratic and Citizens' Ticket Endorsed—Eleven Souls Baptized—Church and Society News.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

George Wise died the 5th, inst., and was buried from the St. John A. M. E. Zion church on Monday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Wilson officiating. Mrs. Nancy Grant, of No. 4 Barn Alley, died the 2d inst., and was buried from her late residence, Rev. Wyatt officiating. Rev. H. H. Harris, of the Zion Baptist church, preached an eloquent sermon to a large and appreciative audience on last Sunday evening. The ordinance of baptism was administered to eleven happy souls. Harry E. Williams, of Chicago, will soon lead Miss Fannie Stipts, of Louisville, Ky., to the hymenial altar. The Independent Progressive club held a rousing meeting on last Friday evening. The ticket nominated by the Democrats and Citizens was endorsed, and from now until the election every member will use his utmost endeavor to beat the gang. Speeches were made by president Calloway, J. S. Fielding, Prof. C. D. Horner, Fayette Guthrie and others. The club numbers nearly 200 members. Miss Alberta Nelson, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Wednesday, the 24th ult. She was well known in Cincinnati. Mrs. Anna Ware, of John street, is very ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Ella Seymour, of 418 New street, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is convalescent. Mrs. Samuel Starks, of 712 Broadway, will make a very nice crayon portrait from a tin type or a photograph, at a reasonable price. J. S. Fielding has removed his tonsorial parlors to 227, opposite the old stand. Dr. N. C. Vaughn, of Walnut Hill, returned from Richmond, Va., with his handsome bride. His many friends wish him a happy voyage. J. S. Fielding is on the sick list. Mrs. Emma Washington, of Cummingsville, died Tuesday, the 2d inst., and was buried on Thursday from the Calvary Baptist church, Rev. Thomas Webb, officiating. Wm Hodges, who killed Coleman at the Manhattan club, has been released from custody. Mrs. Matilda Sandridge, of St. Joseph, Mo., is the guest of her grand daughter, Mrs. Laura Franklin, corner Third and John streets. Nelson Hanley, of 662 Fifth street, died the 5th inst., and was buried Sunday last. A, B. Ewing runs a first class restaurant at 226 Longworth, near Plum street. The Wandering Boys and Girls' social club met on Wednesday night last and elected the following officers: Mrs. A. W, Forney, president; Mrs. Blanche Bolden, vice-president; Miss Nannie Nixon, secretary; Nolan Moore, editor of Budget; C. H. Hunter, chaplain; W. A. Cook, critic; Miss B. Ballard, treasurer; W. H. Turner, sergeant-at-arms. Rev. T. P. Smith, the evangelist of Tennessee, completed his two week's series of revival meetings on last Friday evening, which resulted in nearly one hundred additions to the church. He was donated $50 for his service.

### Aid for John Brown's Daughter.

At a mass meeting held in the Ninth Presbyterian church last Monday evening, after some excellent speeches had been made extolling the virtues of the hero of Harpers Ferry, the following letter was read from the daughter of that noble man:

"HUMBOLDT CO., PETROLIA, CAL.,
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"GEO. WM. COOK,
"HOWARD UNIVERSITY,
"WASHINGTON, D. C.:

"MY DEAR SIR:—Yours of November 30th, reached me yesterday, having been delayed by the severe storm. You ask me if the report that my home was burned, with nearly all its contents, on the 1st of July last, is true? Yes, it is only too true. Your kind offer of assistance will be most gratefully received. Some colored people at St. Paul, Minn., sent me $15, a short time ago, which is a great help to me, as owing to the past season being a bad one here (in this country) our crops were nearly a failure, leaving us without sufficient to live on, or the means to procure seed to sow the crops for the coming season. I have a place here that I have been struggling to keep until my boys were old enough to manage for me, that will make a comfortable home for my old age, if I can manage to hold on to it. But between the loss by fire, the bad season for crops, and my debt, I am in a rather cramped position. My husband is an old man, so badly crippled with the rheumatism, that he can earn very little to help to support our young children, three of which are yet too young to help themselves. If you send any thing of value in a letter to me, please have it registered, as we live five miles from town, and at this time of the year the mails are brought up by anyone, who happens to go to town, and a letter might possibly get lost if not registered. May John Brown's God bless you all.

"Sincerely yours,
"ANNIE BROWN ADAMS."

In view of the facts set forth in this letter, it was resolved that the various churches, lodges and societies of our people in the city be and are hereby requested to lift a collection at their earliest convenience for the relief of Mrs. Annie Brown Adams and to turn the same over to Mr. C. A. Webb 222 S. Meridian street who will forward it to Mrs. Adams. Committee:

D. A. GRAHAM,
A. WAKEFIELD,
CORA B. JACKSON.

### Lodge Meeting.

Alton, Ill., Special.

The U. B. of F. had a special meeting Feb. 27, for the purpose of initiating Messrs. W. Walker and S. Miner. I. B. Kelly is down from the capitol. Miss Maggie Kelly is the guest of her uncle Henry Kelly, of Anna, Ill., and reports having a most enjoyable time. Alton can boast of having one colored newspaper managed by a colored man F. Bowman. The U. B. of F. and S. M. T's of Alton had a union meeting at their hall Thursday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for their annual sermon. The Baptist literary meeting was postponed Thursday of last week on account of the big rain. They met Thursday night for a debating entertainment; subject: "Is a Lawyer Beneficial or not," Messrs. Davis and Porter in favor of the lawyer, and Messrs. S. D. Spencer and W. Hutton in the negative. The Epworth league of the A. M. E. church had their exercises Friday evening at the church on Third street. Hunter's Republican club meets every Wednesday evening at the U. B. of F. hall on Second street. All republicans are invited.

## A CELEBRATED MURDER

### Case on Trial—The Sons of Veterans Hold a Meeting—Personal Dots.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Lizzie Doneghy left the city last week for Lagrange, Ky., where she will spend a few weeks with friends. Mrs. Sylkman has returned from Lexington. Rev. Parrish left the city last week to attend the inauguration. He returned Tuesday. Mr. G. W. Lee was sworn in on Saturday last by Sheriff Phlony as a deputy bailiff to summons witnesses in in the celebrated case of the common wealth vs., Carry Jennings for the murder of Monroe Bell. The Twelfth street A. M. E. church is conducting a very successful revival. Many persons made confessions. Miss Taylor, the Tennessee evangelist is preaching. W. H. Lawson has recovered sufficiently to launch his candidacy for the next election of state representatives. He is highly endorsed by the people and the press. The United Brothers feel themselves greatly indebted to Mr. William Heyser for the tender devotion he has paid Mr. Lawson since his removal from the Auxillary Hospital to his residence, 1221 Green street.

Mr. Richard Olive is ill at her residence, 1502 Second street. The True Reformers, an organization is meeting with much success in this city under the management of Mr. Robert Oliver. The B. F. Porter Camp Sons of Veterans held a meeting last Monday night to consider the fitness of uniting with the Rousseau Camp. It was agreed not to unite and attorney Isom C. Townsend was given the management. Mr. Wallace Thomas, the Southern Louisville furniture and baggage mover is a shrewd and successful business man. The work that Miss Frye, one of the city teachers, is doing for the various churches is indeed commendable. Her service is voluntarily and earnest. Mrs. Dewitt, one of Louisville's oldest inhabitants has been confined to her room for several days. but is again able to be about. She supports herself by selling cakes and cookies.

### Serious Shooting Affrays.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Hon. J. T. Settles and family attended the inauguration. Rev. J. N. Abby was in Washington, D. C., last week. Mr. Dave Goodloe has been on the sick list. Mrs. Dora Cuttler of 16 Hanley street is quite sick. Rev. William Christian has returned from Little Rock Ark. The church of God have broke ground for their new edifice on Winchester street. Miss Mamie Walker is seriously ill at her home, 185 Beale street. Mr. Louis P. Taylor of Washington street, is down with pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Lewis have a very sick child. Rev. Clifford Ross filled the sacred desk last Sunday at Avery Chapel. Miss Henrietta Tilman of Argenta, Ark., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Pheba Dodson of Desota street. Green Williams a blacksmith who lives on Franklin street, shot and killed an unknown man on the 27th, who he claims was prowling in his yard. Mr. Williams was placed under $5,000 bond. H Debery was sentenced. He was charged with rape, assault and battery upon a white child 8 years old. To add to the doomed man's troubles, his brother was shot several times on the 5th inst by officers who had a warrant for his arrest.

### Chas. Sumner Club Metting.

Columbus, O., Special.

Col. W. Brooks and Mrs. Emma Smith are on the sick list. W. Webster, who has been afflicted, had an operation performed. Chas. Bell is very low. The Charles Sumner club held a meeting at their Wigwam to express the feelings of Afro-American citizens, who are displeased at the action of the city director Williams and fire chief Heinmiller in removing the colored members of the fire department from Oak street, and to denounce Mr. Williams for using improper language. After a speech by J. Lee, the president of the league, and several other members of the club, the indorsement of candidates for assessor was brought before the club, and after a lively contest, Robert Smith was chosen. After selecting delegates for the county convention, the club adjourned.

CLIPPINGS HERE & THERE.

Prof. Isaac H. Smith of Newberne, N. C., insists that he can efficiently discharge the duties of Recorder of Deeds of the Distric of Columbia. We believe so, too.—Richmond Planet.

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The public's attention is called to the change in our editorial department. Deeming it for the best interest of all concerned, and desiring to issue a spicy, racy and newsy paper, Mr. S. J. Wilkinson, late correspondent of the Indianapolis Freeman, has succeeded Mr. W. C. Henderson, as editor in chief.—The American Eagle.

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Thinking you would desire to know the real truth concerning the Tennessee Centennial and especially the Negro Department, I take the liberty of sending you a few facts that can easily be proven. The finest building on the ground is the Negro building. It is situated at the most desirable place. The size is 250 feet fronting Lake Watagua and running back 100 feet. It has two stories and a roof garden, the only building on the ground that has a roof garden. The actual cost of the building itself is $12,000. We, the Negroes have not paid in the entire thing $300. Enclosed you will see a circular concerning free transportation for exhibits. Chief Hill was chairman of the Children's Department under Mr. J. C. Napier. Mr. J. C Napier resigned on account of "ill health and pressure of business," and since his resignation, he has publicly subscribed $75.00 to the Centennial Fund, and has declared in a public speech that he was for the Centennial. Chief Hill and every one of his committee, and every one connected with his department have always been treated with the greatest courtesy by the Director General and every other member connected with the management. Everything that Chief Hill has asked for has been granted. He asked that equal rail-road accommodation be granted his people. His request was granted. He asked that Negro militia be re-organized in this state. That was also done. He serves the Centennial purely from a race loving, patriotic stand-point, neither asking for or accepting any pay what ever.—H. C Ganaway in Richmond Planet.

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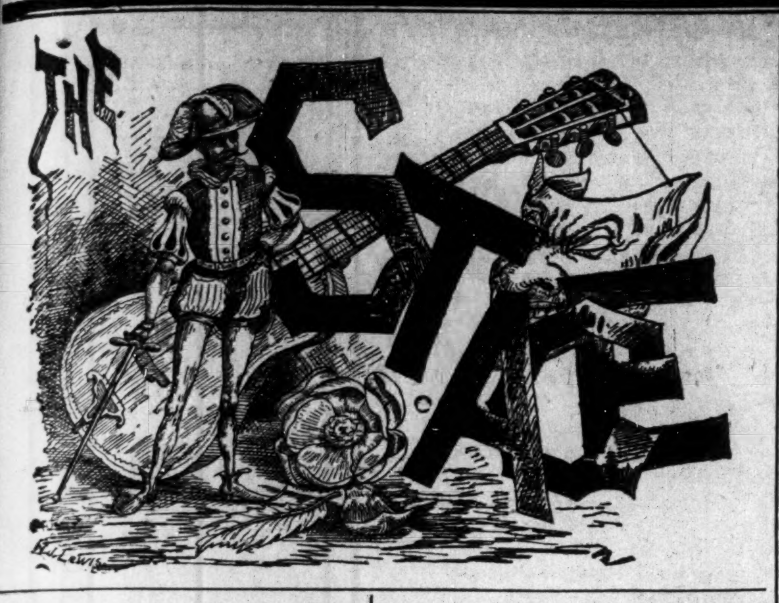
The French have a reputation for being the most polite people in the world, But reputation is a very illusive thing, and not always understood to be the same by all experts. The French got into the good graces of the people of Madagascar, then entrapped them into a diplomatic blunder and in the effort to make them live up to the blunder waged war on the country and finally conquered it. The French never had any honest sight in Madagascar and they have none there now. The French general, as the representative of Franch, recently appeared at the capital of Madagascar. He refused to call upon the queen first, claiming that he was a bigger frog in the puddle than she. The queen swallowed the insult because she could not resent it. During the interview the French general remained seated while the queen remained standing. The same thing occured when the French general returned the queen's call. The Frenchman's politeness in this instance deserved a bullet in his head or a dagger in his heart, but there was no black man about the queen with heroism enough to resent the insult. The gueen renounced her sovereignty and the flag of Madagascar was replaced by that of France. And so this is the end of the independence of one of the strongest and most progressive of the African government. If the soldiers of Madagascar had been half as courageous and loyal as those of Abyssinia paoved under King Menelek against the Italians, the sovereignty of Madagascar would not now be a thing of the past—Lagos Weekly Record.

### Allen's Literary Band Service.

Fordyce, Ark., Special.

Allen's Literary Band service convened in St. John's A. M. E church Feb. 28th, 1897. The program was as follows: Song by the choir; invocation by Rev. C. L. Warren; song; the minutes were read and approved; introduction of Richard Allen's life was read by Rev. W. E. Stone; an address by R. A. Smith; song; an address by Rev. H. C. Beasley; song, the reading of Allen's news by editor J. R. Toliver, M. A. Clark, Grand Mater of the Masonic Lodges of Arkansas, was in our city making his annual visit. A reception was given him by the Masonic brothren and their wives Monday night, at the Masonic hall, everybody was invited. Rev. H. C. Beasley of Camden, preached for Rev. Stone last Sunday. The announcement of the wedding of C. H. Gale and Miss Bamma Clay was made Wednesday night at the A. M. E. church. The Freeman is the only true Afro-American journal that flows through the South, therefore it should be recognized so by a copy of it in the home of every Afro-American in the South. Success I extend to the wide spread journal. Yours for God and the race.



Billy Jackson is with Bruns & Nina's Vaudevilles.

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Black Patti Troubadours are in Troy, N. Y., this week.

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Williams & Walker are still at Koster & Bial's, New York City.

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Darkest America are playing one-night stands through Ohio.

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Bob Cole, of Black Patti's Troubadours, is the author of "4-11-44."

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Isham's Oriental America closed at Philadelphia, Pa., last Saturday.

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Atwells' Comedians closed at Selma, O., last week, owing to bad business.

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South Before the War is playing to good business this week in St. Louis.

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The Georgian Minstrels packed the theatre at Wilmington, Del., March 8.

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Isham's Octoroons (Eastern) are in Providence, R. I., this week, playing to good business.

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Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation Company were in Washington, D. C., inauguration week.

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Miss Ednorah Nahar, Boston's gifted elocutionist, has opened a school of elocution in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are still doing excellent business in New York state.

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Hyer's Colored Comedy Company appeared to large and appreciative audiences at Alexandria, Ind., March 4-6.

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Black Patti's Troubadours did the business of the season and turned away people from the doors at each performance Feb. 22-27, at Toronto, Canada.

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Banjoist Weston, of the Colored Sports' show, is a son of the late Horace Weston, who in his palmy days was accounted the greatest banjoist in the world.

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"The Black 400's Ball" written by Bob Cole and Billy Johnson, of Black Patti's Troubadours is being sung with much success by Williams & Walker, and Billy Johnson.

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Billy Eldridge, the ever popular comedian, and wife Jennie, formerly with Isham's Oriental America company, are now with Eaton and Weather's Colored Sports Big City Show.

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John W. Vogel, business manager of Al G. Fields' Minstrels, will at the closing of Darkest America, take out a mammoth organization for the tenting season; comprising 3 brass bands and 300 people.

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The Franklyn Club Sextette, under the leadership of James W. Jackson, have signed with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros'. Circus for the coming season. This is their third season with that organization.

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Charles Callender, the old time minstrel, died Feb. 24, in Chicago, Ill., aged about seventy years. He was best known as the originator of Callender's Georgia Minstrels (colored), and organization which enjoyed great prosperity for a number of years.

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Eaton & Weathers' aggregation called The Colored Sports' Big City Show has reorganized. It is announced that there are 30 people in the company, they have all appeared with organizations playing at first-class theaters. Billy and Jennie Eldridge, who were the stars of "Oriental America," and "The Derby Winner," head the olio bill; Eaton & Weathers were long identified with Flynn & Sheridan's Big Sensation company; The Westons were with Haverly for years, and the Nashville Woman's quartet was with "The Octoroons." The performance will be inaugurated with a spectacular burletta, entitled, "The Colored Sports' Reception," which will be followed by a number of specialties and the great southern cake walk. Following the cake walk the Nashville Woman's quartet will execute a gavot. The closing number on the bill is entitled "Trouble in Darktown," and is described as a laughable melange with the odor of the plantation and the music of the Alabama swamps pervading every incident. They are in Pittsburg, Pa., this week.

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Williams and Walker, the remarkable colored entertainers at Koster & Bial's, are giving a different specialty from that in which they first appeared at this music hall several weeks ago. Its first half is made up of conventional singing, dancing, and joking, but it ends with a "cake walk" that is about the best feature of the bill. There are but two couples, and as the cake is not in evidence the walkers promptly get down to business. One pair holds the floor at a time, and the men's manner are in strong contrast. One chap is clownish, though his grotesque paces are elaborate, practised, and exactly timed, while the other is all airiness. It is a revelation to most observers to see so much of jauntiness in one human being. The elder Turveydrop could not hold a candle to such incandescent deportment. The airy man's attire is gorgeous. Pointed shoes, tight trousers, red and white striped shirt front, and shining silk hat are not a bit out of harmony with mock diamonds that are as big as marbles, and of other wear there is a smile that for size and convincingness is unequalled. Away up stage he and his partner meet and curtsey, she with utmost grace, he with exaggerated courtliness. Then down they trip, his elbows squared, his hat held upright by the brim, and with a mincing gait that would be ridiculous were it not absolute in its harmony with the general scheme of airness. With every step his body sways from side to side, and the outstretched elbows see-saw, but the woman clings to his arm, and this grandest of entries is prolonged till the footlights are reached. There a turn at right angles brings another elaborate curtsey before the two pass along parallel to the footlights. Here he faces the audience, and no lack of grace comes from his unusual position in walking. The smile is thus in view throughout the promenade, and, if any one could doubt that this chap is a dandy of dandies, it should be an effective dispeller. Its expansiveness is only limited by the Negro's face, and it is genuine in large degree, else the sparkling eyes belie it. The other chap's rig is rusty, and his joints work jerkily, but he has his own ideas in high stepping, and carries them out in a walk that starts like his companion's, but that ends at the other side of the stage. Then the first fellow takes both women, one on each arm, and, leaving the other man grimacing vengefully, starts on a second tour of grace. Even then he walks across the front of the stage with that huge smile wide open, and goes off, leaving the impression that he's had a pretty good time himself.

### News and Notes.

Carrier Mills, Ill., Special.

Our village is small but we have one of the foremost settlements in Southern Illinois. Some of our best citizens are as follows: Mrs. Marqrette Allen, Messrs. J. Littletown, Irvin Allen, Warren Edings, J. R. Evans, E. D. Moreland, Andrew Chavis, Pate Manley, Josiah Taborn, F. T. Jenkins, J. W. Taborn, Joseph Cole, and others owning from 40 to 200 acres. Quite a revival has been in progress at this place. Rev. I. W. Winston of Ft. Smith, Ark., now of Dugooin, pastor conducted the service. Mr. Josiah Taborn is an applicant for the position of wagon master at Chester prison. He is the only colored applicant for that place. Mr. Lewis Dabbs ran a good race for constable but was defeated. Our schoo will close in two weeks. We have had a most successful term this year, with Prof. J. D. Alsten as principal. I dont think it will be a great while before The Freeman will find many readers and lovers here. E W. Taborn reads The Freeman. He is a coming young man. Let every colored man and woman do something for the exhibition at Nashville, Tenn. We are on trial let us beat the case.

### Keokuk Happenings.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones entertained Rev. Thomas and wife at dinner last Tuesday. Mrs. McCracken was buried from Bethel A. M. E. church on the 3sd at 3 p. m., the new pastor, Rev. G. M. Tillman officiating. The deceased was a member of Household of Ruth. She was also a member of the Ladies' Relief Corps. The flag, which was to have been presented by Rebecca Tent was indefinitely postponed owing to the disagreeable weather. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson are very pleasantly domiciled at 1119 Blondeau street. Daniel Shortridge, who has been indisposed has recovered. The drama "Among the Breakers," which was rendered by St. Mary's church on the 1st was a pleasant affair. The young ladies of Bethel church gave a McKinley social on the 11th. Mrs. Catherine McCampbell was found dead at her home at Tenth and Ridge streets, on the 1st. The funeral occurred Tuesday, Rev. Phillips officiating. Mrs. Harry Johnson has returned home after a short visit to Hamilton, Ill. Mrs. Ellis has returned to her home in Quincy, Ill.

All druggists guarantee Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS to stop Headache. "One cent a dose."

## WORK IN OUR TEXAS OFFICE.

### The Hustling Representative of The Freeman Makes a Round of the Church—His Work Appreciated

Houston, Tex. Special.

Your correspondent visited Bethel Sunday school on the 28th ult., and addressed the school relative to The Freeman. The members gave recitations and the exercises lasted until 11 a. m. Therefore, quite a number of persons were put upon the promise list. The school is doing a good work. Bethel has able teachers. They are: Mrs. M. J. Lewis, M. A. McGee, S. Arnold, A. E. Yates, F. Warker, C. Young, J. W. Watson, J. D. Morris, Mary Hodge, J. H. Harmon, A. Bunny, R. Heart and C. L. Bunny. At 3 o'clock I addressed Mt. Zion Baptist church Rev. C. H. Branch, the pastor, preached an able sermon. He is a scholarly young man. Here I was introduced by Rev. Branch. I spoke twenty-five minutes in the interest of The Freeman, after which Rev. Branch made a short talk upon the same. Sunday night Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D., preached an able sermon, and Antioch was crowded. He is a power in the pulpit. Rev. Lights is connected with every good cause that will uplift the race. Dr. A. R. Griggs, D. D., general state agent for the Educational Convention, has been conducting a general rally at the Mt. Corinth Baptist church, Hempstead, Tex. The C. M. E. church, of this city, is getting along nicely. Rev. Calhoun is pastor, and will, by his able efforts, bring the church to the front. Ralf Tiffiny, of Shreveport, La., is stopping with Mrs. R. L. Harris. Misses F. McBeath, M. Harris and M. Shelton, three colored ladies from Oyster Creek, are sueing the Velasco Terminual Railroad company for $1,500. They are all well to do. Miss R. A, Watson, a teacher at Piney Point, will assist in getting some subscribers in her community for The Freeman. Miss Watson is not only doing a good work educationally, but from a religious standpoint also. She is a representative young woman. Rev. Wm. Lundy of Sandy Point, was in last week. Prof. W. C, Wilson of Velasco, will make Houston his home. Prof. J. Andy of Milan & Drene streets, this city, is undoubtly doing a good business at his tailor work. Prof. S. J. Haller, of the firm McBrath, Haller and company, was in the city last week on cotton business. He called at The Freeman branch office.

Rev. J. H. Rayfoul has been in the city several days. Rev. O. C. Asherly will work at the Angleton Baptist church. District Conference of the A. M. E. church convened in Galveston, Wednesday March the 3rd. Rev. D. J. Hull, D. D., Rev. P. C. Hunt and Rev. H. B. Somly, D. D. will attend. Teachers and students who know nothing of the origin of the race can call at the branch office and subscribe for the school history of the Negro race. With or without The Freeman $1.00 for the history. For the history and The Freeman a reduction can be had. The unprejudiced Negro will patronize this end. Rev. D. J. Hull, D. D., of Wesley Chapel A. M. E. church is conducting a successful revival. Many souls are being brought to Christ through the earnest christian efforts of Dr. Hull. Wesley Chapel is one of the leading churches of this city, and the congregation is refined and dignified. There are quite a number of wealthy members connected with it. A local reporter wanted at each church. For information address the branch office, 809 San Felipe street, E. C. Branch general agent.

### First Quarterly Conference.

Cotton Gin, Tex., Special.

Rev. Dr. W. D. F. Pyle held his first quarterly conference here on the 12th and 13th, ult. It was a success. Our pastor had all things in readiness for him. Prof. H. M. Cox is teaching here. This is his eighteenth session at this place He is now a member of the Educational Board of the A. M. E. church. Our pulpit is always filled at 11 a. m. by the Rev. I. D. Coffee. Rev. Wm. Leake, our ex-presiding elder, passed through last week enroute to Dew, Tex. Prof. C. R. Thomas, of Fairfield, was the guest of Prof. Cox last week. He likes The Freeman and will subscribe. The Sunday school, under the leadership of J. S. Kelly, is progressing. The officers are as follows: J. R. Lewis, secretary; Miss L. B. Mills, assistant secretary; Miss R. A. Cox, librarian; H. M. Cox, Mrs. I. D. Coffee and M. L. Dennis, teachers. It has been announced that R. J. H. Lynn will preach for us on the 29th. Rev. Lynn holds the fort at Terrell, Tex. It will do you good to see W. L. Dennis and talk to him concerning The Freeman.

### Death of Mrs. Josephine Upshaw.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

Mrs. Josephine Frances Turner-Upshaw died at the home of her father, Bishop H. M. Turner, 28 Young street, Atlanta, Ga. The deceased was the oldest child and was born in Columbia, S. C., Oct. 1857. At the age of two years she was carried by her grandparents, Joseph and Charlotte Peacher, to Liberia, Africa. After the death of the grand-father in Africa, the grandmother and child returned to America and the family, who were then living in Washington City, Bishop Turner being at that time pastor of the Israel A. M. E. church, having the largest congregation in the city. When the Bishop located in Georgia, this young lady soon followed him and was a constant companion of her father until her marriage to P. W. Upshaw, when she removed to Arkansas, living at Little Rock and Pine Bluff. As the result of that marriage one child survives, Charlotte Ann Upshaw, who is being educated at the Huntsville Normal school. Death has been a frequent visitor to this family, in less than seven years from a family of eight, three only remains. The deceased was very much devoted to her father and brothers. Her death is a great loss and truly may it be said of her if every one for whom she has done some kind act, were to bring to her grave a flower, she would sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers. Dr. John P. Turner, of Pine Bluff, Ark., joined the Bishop and David M. at Atlanta, Ga., where the funeral took place Monday, March 8th, from Bethel A. M. E. church.

### Social and Personal Mention.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Eugene Burnett has accepted a position in the Owl candy store on S. Burdick street. Miss Bertha Wilkinson is seriously ill at her home on E Ransome street. Wm. Hill and Calvin Hackley, who have been suffering with la grippe, are out again. Little Vivian Stafford has been seriously ill. Mrs. Gilmore Phillips has returned from Chicago. Mrs. L. H. Lewis, after a pleasant visit with friends in Battle Creek, returned home Friday. Mrs. Margaret Shepard is sick with rheumatism Mrs. Ed. McKay is much improved. Mrs. Amos N. Stewart entertained a few friends March 4th, in honor of her 30th birthday. Prof. L. H. Lewis is getting his paintings ready for the Nashville Exposition. Mrs. Geo. Letts has returned from Battle Creek. Rev. Benjamin Robert, pastor of the Wabash A. M. E. church, passed through the city Friday enroute from East Saginaw to his home. Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berry Ash Sunday. Misses Edith and Mable Hill dined with Mrs. Oscar Richards Sunday. Mrs. George Miller entertained Mrs. Myel Ampy Sunday at dinner. Mrs. Ed Robbins is quite sick with la grippe. The concert given at the Second Baptist church Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Mrs. Fannie White, was well attended. Mrs. Henry Smith, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly. Chas. Bailiff, Henry Williams, L. W. Stafford, W. Stafford, W. F. W. Stafford, Mrs. C. B. Bailiff, Miss Josephine Hamilton, Bertha Brown made up a coasting party Wednesday, and spent a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served at Mr. Bailiff's.

### Elections of Officiers.

Eufaula Ala. Special.

Several colored citizens here are buying and building houses others repairing. Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson on Washington street are the happy parents of a little boy baby. Dr. E. S. Hicks returned to his work at Greenville Ala. Miss Kate Wallace one of the Freeman readers has been sick for the past week. The following officers were elected last Sabbath evening at the Christain Endeavor meeting: Mr. W. S. Smith, president; Miss Ellen Turner, vice president; Mr. J. W. Fisher secretary; Mrs. D. S. Johnson, treasurer. The society will meet every Sunday evening at 3:30 at St Lukes A. M. E. church. Mrs. Ada Runnells of Montgomery, Ala., is in the city. Quite a crowd witnessed the baptizing at the Baptist church last Sabbath evening. The revival meeting continues at the above church; you can get the Freeman from W. H. Wallace weekly for 5c per copy. Services were well attended at St. Johns A. M. E. church last Sabbath. Rev. John Harmon preached two excellent sermons.

### A Grand Entertainment.

Chester, Ill., Special.

Chick Boone is on the sick list. Neal Gaston has returned from New Orleans. The mill has started running again and the colored laborers get plenty of work. The Silver Star Jubilee Singers, a local company composed of some of the best talented musicians and artists, played to a packed house Friday evening March 5th. They were roundly applauded. Miss Laurette McCombs the nightingale of song rendered one of her best selections. Get The Freeman from Wm. J. Stewart agent.

### A Boy Preacher.

Augusta, Ark., Special.

Chas. Beard, the noted boy evangelist age 13 years, arrived in this city March 3rd, and preached at this city at the First Baptist church on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The following texts first Isiah fifth chapter, first verse, 2nd Amos fourth chapter twelfth verse. He preached to large audiences. Roy Knox and sister left the city to visit their sister in Wynne, Ark. Rev. Monday returned from Little Rock, Ark., Wednesday, where he has been visiting his wife and child.

### Big Four Interchangeable Mileage.

The interchangeable one-thousand mile tickets of the "Big Four Route" are indispensable to all business firms and commercial travelers. The lines of the Big Four penetrate all the big cities of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and a ticket which can be used to reach these cities as well as cities on principal connecting lines, is invaluable.

## TROUBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.

### Appointed Assistant State Attorney—The Woman's Civic League—A Home For Fallen Women.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Beginning with March 14th and continuing one week Bethesda Baptist church will hold their thirteenth anniversary services. The church has been in the hands of the decorator and is now one of the finest interior decorated churches in the city. Special services will be held Sunday 14 h, followed by concerts Bazaars etc., during the week. The house furnishing society of Grace Presbyterian church will give an entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Dyson 3523 Armour avenue, March 16th. Baptismal services will be held Sunday morning at Grace Presbyterian church. Rev. R. C. Ransom preached on "Crowns Won and Lost" at Bethel A. M. E. church last Sunday night. He dealt largely upon what is to be expected of the McKinley administration.

Frank Rollins and L. A. Newby were elected second vice president and assistant secretary respectively of the Civic League at their last meeting. The Womans Civic League, an organization of 100 ladies, whose object is to rescue fallen women and elevate their condition is about to undertake the establishment of a home for fallen women. G. W. W. Lytle spoke before the Young Men's Sunday Club last Sunday. His subject was 'Negroes in Jurisprudence. The Friends of Illinois Club are preparing to give a May party for the benefit of colored charity.

Ferdinand L. Barnett has been appointed assistant states attorney at a salary of $1800 per year It is the first time that a colored man has been given recognition in the office of the states attorney. Walter S. Rollins, formerly of Indianapolis, but now of Jacksonville, Ill., is in the city the guest of his sister, Mrs. Wesley Plummer. He expects to locate in the city. The color line has caused much trouble among the pupils of Moseley school. Many pitched battles have been engaged in. The Mistletoe Club met at Mr. Thomas Oglesby's residence last Saturday night, and elected three officers, Dudley F. Oglesby, president, Miss Mamie Blanton secretary and Mrs. S. Hamilton, treasurer. The Mistletoe is a social club and is composed of some of the most prominent young ladies and gents of the city.

### A Budget of News.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Mrs. D. Davidson entertained the Woman's Sewing Circle last Friday. The Odd Fellows' sermon will be preached next Sunday evening at Payne Chapel A. M. E. church. Last Sunday was missionary day at Payne Chapel A. M. E. church. An excellent program was rendered. Miss N. Settles entertained the Young Ladies' Sewing Circle the 4th inst. F. Hendrickson left last Wednesday for home at Walnut Hills. The D. of J. met Friday at their hall. A number of friends tendered Olie Riles a surprise party last Friday.

### Church News.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

Services were held at AsberryChapel. The pastor, L. J. Terrell preached an excellent sermon. His evening lesson was read from John 13-21 verse, the text "One Shall Betray Me." B. T. Teer, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school, lectured at 10 a. m. on The Freeman paper and The Southwestern Advocate. At 3:30 p. m. Jas. E. Washington of Macon, lectured on the Emancipation Proclamation. Rev. L. J. Terrell lectured on the South Western Advocate. Miss Ella McNeese is one of the best organist in the city.

### BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Last Sunday morning the pastor preached to a large congregation on "The nature and mode of Baptism." In the evening Rev. W. J. King occupied the pulpit. The publishing of notices instead of reading them out makes quite an improvement in the service.

On next Sunday morning Rev. D. A. Graham will begin a series of sermons upon "The Lord's Prayer."

### TRINITY MISSION NOTES.

The revival services will be continued next week. Rev. Mary J. Brannon, the noted evangelist of Cincinnati, O., will continue to assist during these meetings. Communion services at 3 p. m., on the 3rd Sunday in March. All invited. Peter C. Williams, pastor.

### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sabbath school was well attended; collection $2.13.

Sunday services were well attended all day. Rev. Carr, D. D., preached morning and evening. About 600 attended communion Sunday afternoon.

There was a special lecture delivered by Dr. Carr last Thursday evening to christians only, subject, "Being something and doing something."

The Orinoco Circle was entertained by Mrs. Lizzie Brown in 200 Middle street last week.

Miss Fanny Valentine, West North street, Mrs. Givens, Blackford street, Mrs. Dickerson, Toledo avenue, Mrs. Ferguson, North East street, are all indisposed.

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A Magnificent Road.

It is a revelation to most people to know that such railway equipment exists south of the Ohio River as that of the Queen and Crescent Route. The block system; electric equipment, such as track signals, electric headlights, and crossing gongs; together with a perfectly lined, rock-ballasted roadbed, all provide for the swift and safe movement of passenger trains of the most luxurious pattern. The New Orleans and Florida Limited leaves Cincinnati over the Queen and Crescent Rout daily, on schedules which each year are made a little shorter, through scenery which is unsurpassed. W. C. Rinearson, Gen'l Pass'r Agt., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## B. Square's Bluster.

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Do not be a Negro pessimist.

Do not fail to profit by experience.

Do not preach what you do not put into execution.

Do not make the mistakes of last year during 1897.

Do not be a thorn in the pathway of the race's progress.

Do not be a cipher in the solution of the Negro Problem.

Do not borrow The Freeman—subscribe and pay for it.

Do not fail to push your pound to launch the ship of civil rights.

Do not spend all your earnings this year—save a dollar for hard times.

Do not think the race will not advance if you withdraw your "mighty" aid(?)

Do not die and leave your son poorer in this world's goods than your father left you.

Do not get angry when I perform my self-appointed task in letting you see your faults or see yourself as others see you.

Do not copy the white man's vices; copy his money-getting methods when they are honest, business-like and legitimate.

Do not let your son grow up in ignorance because you had no "book larning." It was not your fault, perhaps, still, you secretly wish that you had had the opportunity to get an education.

Do not say that you are just as smart as a white man when you fail to do the same things he does, when fortune and opportunity give you the same chance.

Do not say to the "white folks:" "You may have all this world, give me Jesus;" do not be a hog—divide up—give them some of your Jesus and take some of this world's good things. This is the only world in which we have lived. God made it and the blessings thereof for mankind You had better get yours while getting is good.

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There is a slang expression commonly used by the middle, second and third classes of Negro residents of Greater New York I can not help from quoting. Before doing so let me head off the critic (I am always on the lookout for the critic) by saying that by middle classes I mean poor, but honest persons who are forced by fate or cruel circumstances to dig and delve and almost live from hand to mouth; by second class I mean the more refined poor, who live beyond their means in order to be in the swim. The slang expression is "getting by." If you go into a barber shop in Brooklyn, New York or Jersey City and sit for an hour or so, you will hear conversations something like the following: "Why, how are you, Smith?" "Oh. I'm only so-so; I'm kinder broke up in the feet; how's all your folks?" "They's all well; how are you making out, Smith—are you working?" "Not steady, Wilson, I just manage to 'get by;' I'm jobbing; I ain't done no steady work since last month; can't get it to do, but thank the Lord, I catch an odd job now and then and manage to get by, but times is getting harder and harder." You will also over-hear a conversation like this: "Say, Tom, you missed half your life—orter been to the Showoff Social Club's ball at High Price Hall last Wednesday night." "Was you there Dick? I thought you was dead broke." "Was I there? well, say, I guess I was! Yes, I was dead broke all last week, but I went to the ball and 'got by' too. I was hot stuff too cut some ice that night I opened wine. You needn't laugh—that's so; I cracked a couple of small bottles—you ask Harry Lightwork." "How was it?" "Well it was this way: I got a ticket from Joe Goodthing and fixed up and went to the ball; my clothes were all O. K.; I was up-to-date, but dead broke. When I got in the hall, the first person I stacked up against was Hattie Highstrung; she looked out of sight—that's right—Hattie Highstrung is up-to-date in dress and the latest dances; I danced with her three times, and then she gave me a hint about supper. She said it was a la carte, and that the dining room was open. I excused myself and sneaked in the bar room to get rid of her, when who did I run into but Jake Lewis—you know little Jake Lewis from Newark over in Jersey? He was just blowing off as I stacked up against the bar and got four good hookers of the old stuff and started to steal away and get my coat and go home, thinking I had had quite a large time for a man dead broke without a cent, when I looked down on the floor and saw something green. I threw my handkerchief over it and picked it up. I knew it must be a dollar, and as the round only cost 80 cents, I ordered up the drinks. Well, I almost fell dead with surprise when I pushed out this bill; it was a ten-spot; yes, an X. Well, you orter seen me leave them coons and hurry away to find Miss Highstrung; I took her to supper and opened a small bottle for her; you orter seen the mob look; I had 'em faded; I blew in $8.00 at the ball and took Miss Highstrung home in a cab. Yes, I 'got by,' and had all the niggers guessing; you bet your life I 'got by.'"

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For the benefit of the reader who is not a newspaper writer and therefore not educated to the meanings of the up-to-date slang, I will say that "getting by" means to successfully pass a present point, barrier, or crisis; to make your ends meet for the time being, after which the future pathway along your special journey or the onward march of your ambition gets dark and the sun of success hides itself from view.

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The Greater New York slang expression fits the present condition of the race in general. In the great battle of American life we simply "get by." We live day by day and make little or no preparation for the morrow. Our motto as a whole is: "Sufficient for to-day is enough cares for to-day; it to-morrow does not take care of its self, the Lord or some unforeseen event will."

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I will at once forestall the critic (I flatter myself that being a student of human nature in general and Negro American human nature in particular, I always know the moves on the chessboard that the learned critic is going to make and like to checkmate him) by saying that I know we have a few rich men, a few banks, a few business men, a few newspapers, a few great men, a few million dollars worth of real estate and a few hundred men who have stored up enough of this world's goods to last them over a day's rain, or in fact a second flood. I am not speaking of the exceptions but the masses.

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It is all well for us "mutual admiration writers" and speakers, as Bro. J. D. Walker of Arkadelphia, Ark., is pleased to call us, to get off something like the following: "A race that can produce a Payne, a race that can produce a Crispus Attucks or a Thos. Fuller, a race that can produce a Frederick Douglass, a Booker T. Washington, a J. M. Henderson, a Price and Turner, need have no fear in the near future of taking an exalted place upon the pages of history or reaching the highest pinnacle of civilization." In the language of Uncle Noah Baxter, in order to "push the progress of the race along," we need hundreds of Paynes, Attucks, Fullers, Douglasses, Washingtons, Hendersons, Prices and Turners.

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The Negro statistician may rise in his anger to say that the race in Baltimore owns so much real estate, in Washington so much, in Norfolk so much, in New Orleans and other points, both North and South so much, but to this matter-of-fact critic I would say these are the few, not the masses. The masses spend their money and give no care for the morrow. With them it is "come day, go day, God send Sunday." We are not schooled in the value of a hard-earned dollar.

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Speaking of Noah Baxter, like the "Bard of Avon's" ghost, he will not down. Like Sinbad's "Old Man of the Sea," he seems to have locked his legs around the columns of The Freeman and there intends to stay. Wait until I reply to his last letter. In the language of the Greater New York streets, "Well, say, I won't do a thing to him! Say, leave it to me."

B. SQUARE.

### A Modern Way To Stop a Cough As Tried by a Prominent Iowa Minister.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do.

Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
121-23rd Street.

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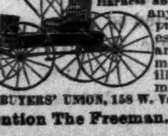

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# MODESTY OF CHARACTERS

## BARELY FOUND IN AFRO-AMERICAN "BIG GUNS."

### How to Win Their Hearts—Men who Possess this Trait Can be Approached With Ease—In a Few Generations, Then What?

Modesty is a quality that comes late in the course of culture. By modesty I mean "that lowly temper which accompanies a moderate estimate of one's own worth and importance." Forwardness, self-assertion, arrogance characterize the parvenue. The parvenue is so absorbed in consideration of self and is so immoderately self-conscious as to be unable to apprehend or appreciate external facts to the extent that would enable him to measure himself by others. Such a temper could result in nothing else but vanity, and of course the loss of manhood and efficiency which always accompanies vanity is inevitable.

Those who will carefully consider the above remarks will have, in a nutshell, the key to the prevailing type of "big men" among us. You can count on your fingers the prominent Afro-Americans who are characterized by such simplicity, modesty, and naivete as distinguished such men as Bishop Payne, Bishop Brown and the Hon. Frederick Douglass. I can conceive of no company in which Bishop Brown would exhibit any indications of self-consciousness or show the least awkwardness. He always bore of the air of one "to the manor born." It was the most natural things in the world to treat him with politeness and he never awoke resentment by exhibiting vanity. He received and returned polite treatment with such a naive manner that even the coarsest felt the charm of his presence.

All of this could be said of but few Afro-American dignitaries. Let a distinguished white man address an average Afro-American "big gun" in terms of flattery and you are sure to see either an open grin or an ill-concealed smile of gratification. After such an experience an ordinary colored person dare not come in sight of the "big gun" without dropping to his knees. The "big gun" does not know that the very fact that he revealed his delight at the flattery bestowed upon him made him an object of ridicule if not of contempt. Pompey as a term of flattery has been replaced by "Doctor," "Professor," "Judge," etc., but the same fun-poking spirit lurks behind these higher sounding epithets. African explorers won the hearts of natives by bestowing glittering beads; wily white Americans win the hearts of their colored brethren by bestowing glittering words.

It don't take much to make the average Afro-American think he is very big and to make him "feel his oats." In his tale of "Sleepy Hollow," Irving gives this trait to his Negro character. The same opinion obtains to-day. Why should it not? It is true. The airs and conceits of Pompey are everywhere perpetuated. It is only the very highest types of the race on whom modesty is a characteristic. Dr. Daniel Williams is by all odds way up in his chosen profession, yet he is so thoroughly modest a freshman could approach and talk with him on medicine. Judge Matthews is way up in his profession, yet a law student would not be snubbed by him. I could furnish a few illustrations of this charming quality among church dignitaries, but don't want to make invidous distinctions. A few generations more and we shall have worn off the wire edge of vanity and come to the keen edge of actual merit.

This article was inspired by looking at the frontispiece in the A. M. E. Review for February. In a group exhibiting "Bishop Turner receiving the Ethiopian Church," the most prominent figure is the individual who had the least important place in the event. Bishop Turner, Missionary Secretary Parks and the delegate from Africa stand modestly at the side, while standing boldly to the front is the pastor of a local church which was used as the medium of passing delegate Dwane to the Bishop. Editor H. T. Kealing is in no sense to blame for this. It is a true picture and illustrates a prevail race trait. The picture is of more value as it is than it would be if the group had been dictated.

D. P. Brown,
83 Dove St., Albany, N. Y.

### Gone to Her Reward.

Appleton City, Mo., Special.

Mrs. Jane Cox of Osceola, St. Clair county Mo., was born at Baltimore, Md., Aug. 12, 1819, and departed this life at Osceola, Mo., Feb. 24, 1897, being 77 years, 6 months and 12 days old. Mrs. Cox leaves eight children to mourn her lost. She was converted fifty years ago and has lived a faithful christian since. She was a member of the C. P. church, and a very loving and affectionate mother. The remains was interred at the Osceola cemetery Feb. 25th. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Washington of the M. E. church.

### Social Events.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

One of the happy events of the past week was the progressive whist and novelty party given at the palatial residence of Mrs. Geo. Smith last Friday evening. The parlors were artistically decorated and music was rendered making the occasion an enjoyable one. After the games were finished a dainty repast was served. The first prize was awarded to Mr. John Hushfield, second prize to Prof. Richard Smallie. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Brown was one of brilliancy and beauty last week. The occasion was a progressive whist and dancing party, after which an elegant luncheon was served. Miss Carrie Riggins entertained a number of friends in honor of Madam Crutchfield last week. Mrs. Frank Beard and sister, Mme. Crutchfield were suddenly called away to attend the funeral of their sister. Mrs. Williams of Detroit, Mich., whose death was quite a shock. Mrs. Richard Humphry after several weeks illness will return to her home in Quebec. Mr. George Perkins is giving guitar lessons at his home. Mrs. Geo. Paris will sail for London, Eng., in spring. Mr. Wm. D. Allen and Miss Ameil Trueheart are on the sick list. The Epworth League of the Montreal Conference church closed Feb. 24th with a grand success.

### The Cosmopolitan.

The most intensely interesting people of the world just at this moment are the millions of famine and plague stricken India. But little is known of this region by the people of the United States. Such reports as come to us are the things seen through British glasses What has been the effect of British rule in India? Why these terrible famines? Why plagues? Julian Hawthorne has been sent by The Cosmopolitan Magazine to India to obtain answers to these questions at first hand and depict the situation as it appears to an American. The March Cosmopolitan contains the first of what is probably the most important series of articles ever presented in this magazine. Nothing has been published which gives an adequate idea of the larger operations of business—at least nothing by the class of men fitted for such work by thorough familiarity with the subjects of which they write. The article in the March Cosmopolitan on "The Methods of Banking," by the President of one of the largest banks of New York—a man of widest business experience—former Postmaster-General James—is one which every person, however humble his clerkship or high his place in the financial world, will find interesting and instructive. This series will constitute a very complete course of business training, and every young man just entering business life and every old man will alike find it of immense value.

### Unfurled The Banner.

Editor Freeman:

It has indeed been a great pleasure for me to peruse The Freeman each week since becoming a subscriber and an admirer of indisputably the greatest and most intellectual Afro-American journal published in these states. The Freeman has not only developed dormant minds, but has unfurled the banner of Negro worth to the breezes of the civilized world. I am no ancient sage, nor modern scholar, but am observant enough to see and know its importance, giving impartial details of the race from Texas to Canada. In the future I hope to be able to assist in its circulation.

Robert Clantom,
22 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

### Notes From the Prison

Waupin, Wis., Special.

On the evening of February 9, Rev A. Goppelt of the Lutheran church preached. He took for his text John 3:1-13. He spoke at length of the necessity of being born again, emphazing the fact that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. It was the occasion of the baptismal of the assistant vice president of the Christian Endeavor Society, Bro. Gustav Scharff. On the 21st inst., Mrs. Elizabeth R. Wheaton and Mrs. Hattie W. Kelley associate editor of the Saint of God, published at Tabor, Ia., visited us. Mrs. Wheaton and Mrs. Kelley sang a duet after which Mrs. Wheaton addressed the congregation. She has spoken in nearly every prison and penitentiary in America, and is known as "Prison Mother."

### Interesting News Notes.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.

Hon. John L. Waller of Kansas City, Kan., lectured to a fair sized audience at the A. M. E. church last Monday evening. His subject was: "An American's Plea From a French Dungeon." Mr. Waller leaves for Denver this week. Mrs. M. Moore has returned from Kansas City, where she attended the funeral of her brother. Rev. F. J. Sage will visit his wife in the near future. Hon. John L. Waller stopped with Mrs. Frank Williams. There are three colored men filling minor positions at the state house. The A. M. E. church with Rev. J. F. Sage at the helm, is enjoying a boom, financially and spiritually. Mrs. W. R. B. Alexander is in Billings, Mont., visiting friends.

### From Labor to Reward.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Mrs. A. C. Murphy died in this city Feb. 3rd. Mrs. Murphy was a faithful christian woman and constant worker in the A. M. E. church She was the wife of Rev. A. C Murphy and was 47 years of age at death.

The C. H. & D. Ry., have arranged to accept Central Passenger Committee 5,000 mile tickets, in exchange for through tickets from points on their line to points on the Michigan Central Railway, between Toledo and Detroit inclusive.

# PRESIDENT'S ENORMOUS MAIL

### He Receives as Many as Eight Hundred Letters per Day.

As many as eight hundred letters in one day are received at the White House, but comparatively few of these, only the most important ones, reach the President, for if he dealt personally with all his corresponents he could do nothing else," writes ex-President Harrison, telling, in the March Ladies, Home Journal, of "A Day With the President at His Desk," the first of his series of articles on life in the White House. "Very many of the letters addressed to the President," he adds, "are trivial, not a few of them impertinent and some of them angry and threatening. These, if the Private Secretary is a judicious man, the President never hears of, and the malicious intent of the writer is thwarted. The requests for autographs are scarcely numerable. Patches for bed-quilts and lunch-cloths add to the burden. Begging letters, for numbers, take the second place in the President's mail. They come from every part of the land, and relate to every possible subject. Some are appeals to aid the writer to get an education, or to pay off a mortgage, or to buy a piano or a pony; and no form of public appeal is absent—to aid the building of churches, to endow schools, to build monuments, and to aid every other good purpose for which men or women or children associate themselves. On one day the request for specific sums aggregated $9,000. These appeals are unavailing in the nature of things, and self-respect ought to restrain the practice."

### An Interesting Bible Institute.

Sardis, Miss., Special.

Our town is alive with working and progressing people. Regardless of the financial embarressment, over a dozen persons have bought homes within the past three months. Mr. Robert Hightower and Alfred Caldwell died this week. Our schools are still flourishing Miss Florine McGhee of Holly Springs, Miss., is a teacher in our county. Rev. H. W. Bowen, the Baptist State Missionary, held an interesting bible institute here last week. The meetings were well attended. At 3 o'clock p. m., Sabbath Rev. Bowen lectured to ladies at the school building. The house was filled with interested ladies who learned a great deal from the good man's interesting talk.

## BRYAN'S PAPER.

### The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after. For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse. I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr. Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

The week commencing March 29th., will be one of the greatest musical events in the history of Cincinnati. The Metropolitan Opera Company of 350 members accompanied by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra of 60 pieces will be the leading attraction at the Music Hall, while the lovers of comic opera will be entertained at the Grand Opera House by the Francis Willson Opera Company. The Grand Opera at the Music Hall, as well as the comic opera at the Grand Opera House, and the other vaudeville and standard attractions at the other theatres, will be given at popular prices, enabling the people for an invesment of a very few dollars to enjoy Grand Opera, rendered by the same people, for whom New Yorkers paid as high as $50.00 a seat in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City.

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### Lost Relatives.

Mrs. Alexander Bailey, nee Sarah Catherine Hunt, a prominent resident of our city, is desirous of locating Wm. Henry Harrison Hunt, Mary Jane Hunt, Francis Russell Hunt, Charlie Hunt, and Margaret Hunt, her mother; who formerly belonged to Jim Crain and came from Poplar Plains, Ky., to Lexington, Ky., in 1850. Any information leading to their discovery will be thankfully received by Mrs. Bailey, 2120 Lucas avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

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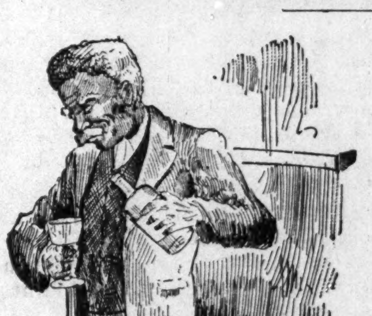

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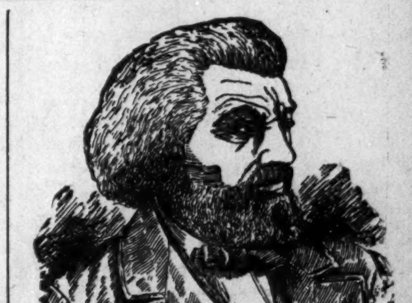

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Elder Murray preached the sacramental discourse at Walter's Chapel last Sunday.

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A South-side market is soon to be erected corner of Virginia avenue and Buchanan street.

Simpson Chapel held communion last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Hagood officiated.

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Communion services were held at Corinthian church last Sunday, Rev. Blackshear officiating.

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Rev. Andrew Price of Bloomington, is assisting Rev. N. A. Seymour in a series of revivals at New Bethel Baptist church.

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Geo. J. Hammel, the grocer, 110-112 Massachusetts avenue, offers great inducements in groceries. Good goods at hard time prices.

At Walter's Literary Lyceum on the 25th, six ladies will argue which season of the year is most to be preferred, "Spring, Summer or Autumn."

Rev. G. B. Lynch of the A. M. E. Z church is a candidate for the office of United States Minister to Liberia. Mr. Lynch is highly spoken of for the office.

Chas. Chavis, Ph. G., has resigned his position with Mr. Weiss on Massachusetts avenue to accept a more lucrative situation as prescriptive clerk with D M. Moroney, Haughville.

Jesse Turner, who had only been confined to his room a few days, died at the residence of his father-in-law, Nathan Pierce, 615 N. Senate avenue, of consumption Wednesday morning.

There will be a rally at the Olivet Baptist church to-morrow to raise money for the benefit of said church. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev, R. D. Leonard; at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Carr and at 8 p. m. by Rev. J. R Cox. Song services from 7:30 to 8 p. m.

If you want something neat and cheap do not forget that T. W. Fleming, at 68 Indiana avenue, is the boy that can fix you up in first class style. Cheapness and neatness is his motto. All kinds of suittings and pants patterns.

The mixed school question will be discussed at Walter's Literary Lyceum next Thursday evening by Messrs. Silas Pritchet, Jas. Williams, affirmative; W. H. Hunt and Hon. Geo. L. Knox negative. This debate was postponed from Thursday evening the 4th, on account of the inclement weather.

The Physio-Medical College of Indiana will hold its graduating exercises at the Grand Opera House next Thursday evening, Dr. Joseph H. Ward being the only colored graduate. The young and genial doctor will hang his "shingle" at 291 W. Michigan street, where he will be pleased to meet his friends.

### Who Are They?

To the citizens of Indianapolis: The Freeman would like as a matter of curiosity and to settle a very much mooted question, have you forward to this office within the next ten days the names of three colored citizens who you think are the greatest benefactors, or who assists the race most largely and your reasons for the same.

## PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Will Keelum has returned to his home in Knightstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Russell of Georgetown, Ky., has located in the city.

B. Talbot Morrison late of the Southern Age, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting in the city.

Rev. C. M. Williams, M. D., of Des Moines, Ia., was a visitor in the city last week.

Mrs. Marcellus Neal entertained Miss Hattie Knox of Greenfield at supper last Friday evening.

Mrs. Teister of Crawfordsville was in the city last Friday attend the meeting of the Mite Missionary Society.

Mrs. Mattie Simmons and Mrs. Gilbert of Evansvillie, were guests of Mrs. M. Brown in North street Monday.

Beecher Clark of Evansville, who was employed in the State House during the legislature, returned home last Tuesday.

A. T. Williams and W. M. Lively, readers of The Freeman in Palestine, Tex., were callers at this office Tuesday.

The "School History of the Negro Race" is without a doubt the best selling book we ever handled.—Manager Freeman.

Henderson Skinner, E.wood Knox, Harry Cooper and Louis Brown returned Monday from Washington, D. C. They report a pleasant time.

The West End Club S. M. T. will give a luncheon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson at 95 Toledo street (old Columbia) next Thursday evening.

Chas. F. Williamson, after doing service in the House of Representatives during the legislative session, has returned to his home in Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Stewart, of Noblesville, passed through the city Monday en route from Washington, D. C., to their home. They report a pleasant stay in the Capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Thornton entertained several Representatives of the Legislature and Councilman Puryear and wives at dinner last Saturday. Hon. and Mrs. G. L. Jones were at home to the same company at a 5 o'clock tea.

The Ladies Aid Society of the East End, of Second Baptist church, met at the home of Miss Mary Broyles in Alvord street, and discussed the March number of the Ladies Home Journal last evening.

Prof. Wm. Miller, the popular tonsorial artist of the Grand Hotel, and John Freeman returned Saturday from a week's stay in New Orleans attending the Mardi Gras, where they were delightfully entertained by Miss Alice Johnson, of 1736 Terpsichore street, and Miss Gertrude Degant, 1205 Clara street, that city.

Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe, of Kokomo, attended the meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society which was held at Bethel church last Friday afternoon. While here she was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Martha Hall, 289 Bright street. She left for her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Bradley gave a pink tea social for the benefit of Bethel A. M. E. church last Thursday at her home in Martindale avenue. Another pleasant church social was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyler, 67 Martindale avenue Tuesday evening.

The Golden Rod Club was highly entertained by Mrs. J. Hicks at her residence, 198 Pleasant street Friday, March 5. A paper was read by Mrs. Humes, subject "The Wife," The next meeting will be held March 19 at the residence of Mrs. A. Duvall, 65 Harlan street. All members are requested to be present. Business of importance.

The Ladies' East End Reading Circle were entertained by Mrs. G. L. Lane at her home, 299 Cornell avenue Friday, March 5. Mrs. Lane is an ideal hostess. The ladies reviewed the Ladies' Home Journal of February. The discussion for next Friday will be "Ex-President's Wives." They will meet at 258 Alvord street.

### Do You Need a Pastor?

Any Church needing a pastor, first-class and a Christian gentlemen, should address:
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## "SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

It has always been the custom among the sterner sex of all nationalities to accord special deferences to women. This little courtesy, we sadly admit, with a large number of colored men, has fallen into innocuous desuetude. For a gentleman to throw his hands around hysterically in the air when greeting a lady is both rude and vulgar. Such a courtesy is intended for men, and not women. To slightly tip the hat to women shows a deal more elegance and refinement.

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Note next week in the Irish circles the patriotism that will attend all festal occasions. The sons of "Erin" will bedeck themselves with emerald green, and every true Irish heart will join in loud hurrahs throughout the world. And too, St. Patrick's Day always occurs March 17, while Emancipation and Douglass Days occur any time during the year, with little or no interest manifested.

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Now that Easter draweth nigh, there is the usual stir in colored circles, and the cook and the teacher, the hod-carrier and the professor will vie with each other in their display of purple and fine linen on this occasion. "Oh, yes, must have a new dress," remarked a young girl, who earns a very small salary, yesterday, "and it will be a beaut; you see, I am getting it 'on time' and that gives me a chance to get the hat, which will cost $7.30, and then we girls will have a coupe for the afternoon."

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This girl foolishly voices the sentiment of hundreds of other boys and girls. Young men whose salaries are too low in the scale to admit a comfortable living usually come forth on Easter arrayed in faultless attire. Herein lies our inability to arrive at a justifiable conclusion to dissolve the mysterious problem on "How to subsist without labor."

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It is with no small degree of pride that we note the rapid strides for improvement being made in church circles. The old and tiresome practice of reading church notices, consuming several hours after regular service, is no more. Notices are printed on neat cards and distributed by the ushers at each service. We understand efforts are being made to pass the contribution boxes in some of the churches. At present the Ninth Presbyterian is the only church that pass the boxes. Let us pray our Heavenly Father that such efforts will not be in vain.

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The moaning plaint of the male sex because so many young women go into other lines of life than that of housekeeping, when superficially considered seems justified. The unvarnished truth, however, is, that very few men are worth marrying. Mentally contrast, if you will, the young men of your acquaintance with the brave girls who earn their own livelihood, and convince yourself, if you can, that the former, immoral, profane, tobacco-burning lot, are worthy of the latter. When the "general run" of young men become clean-hearted, industrious gentlemen, the "female labor" problem will in great part solve itself in that fine old institution called love and matrimony. Girls should refuse to wed save with their equal, and the average American girl is hard to equal and can't be beat. Up-to-Date.

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### New Shoe House.

M. C. Ruggles & Co., will to-day open a new shoe house at 15 Massachusetts avenue where can be found all the latest styles in up-to-date footwear. Mr. Ruggles was for a long time with Geo. J. Marott's shoe house, and will be pleased to see all persons in need of honest goods at honest prices.

### A Prophet in Our Midst.

The Rev. Andrew Jones, a native of Eastern Virginia and a prophet of some renown, is now in our city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morton, 138 Elizabeth street. He is now holding services at the Third Baptist Tabernacle 130 Rhode Island street. By clippings from newspapers the Rev. Jones can prove that he predicted the destruction to St. Louis, Johnstown and Charlestown two or three years before it came. He will remain in the city awhile and will be pleased to converse with all persons calling upon him.

### A Statement.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please permit me to make the following statement: I regret that sickness at home demands my absence from the city, but as soon as the situation justifies my return, and the missionary committee gives satisfactory assurance of carrying out the recommendation of our presbytery for the church, will return with my family. Since my return I am pleased to say that several have been added to the church. The organizations of the church are all active and aggressive along their special lines, and the church is growing in every department of its work. All the services of the church except Sunday night service, will be carried on and with much interest and instruction to the public. Respectfully,

W. R. LAWTON.

### ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Five additions to the church last Sunday.

Miss Susie Wilson, Mrs. A. L. Murray and Miss Essie Tucker are on the sick list.

Rev. Byrd preached an excellent sermon last Sunday morning. We will be pleased to hear him again.

Miss Carrie Miller sang a solo last Sunday evening to the delight of a large audience.

The phonograph entertainment given by Mr. Ford last Wednesday evening was quite a success.

The church was crowded to the doors last Sunday evening to listen to the special sermon by Rev. Murray. He seemed to be at his best. While the sermon in many features was humorous, yet it sparkled with the truth.

Missionary exercises next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. An excellent program has been arranged.

Miss Jennie Hunter of Greencastle spent a few days in the city last week, the guest of Mrs. A. L. Murray.

Madam Alfonse De Golure of New York lectured to the women of the church last Monday evening. The lecture was very fine and all enjoyed it.

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